



## METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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### **MAYOR BARRY RELEASES CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN, WHICH INVESTS HEAVILY IN SCHOOLS, TRANSIT, AND PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Spending Plan includes \$150 million for schools, \$120 million for transit and transportation, \$82 million for public safety and criminal justice, and a \$12 million investment in the Fairgrounds*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Mayor Megan Barry has released the FY16-17 Capital Spending Plan to the Metro Council. The **\$475 million** plan, which is funded through general obligation bonds, features significant investments in public education, transportation, and public safety.

“These additions to our city’s infrastructure represent an investment in Nashville’s future, through better public schools, safer streets, and quality of life improvements with new parks, soccer fields, and improved facilities at the Fairgrounds,” said Mayor Barry.

Mayor Barry is proposing **\$150 million** in capital spending for Metro Nashville Public Schools, to include **\$105 million** for building projects and **\$45 million** for district-wide projects, which is the largest capital request for new projects for MNPS in recent memory. Projects include **\$40 million** for renovations and additions at Hillsboro High School, **\$20.75 million** for renovations to McMurray Middle School, **\$8.1 million** to renovate Pennington Elementary, **\$6.9 million** for additional classrooms at Antioch High School, **\$2.75 million** for East Nashville Magnet School bleachers and concession stands, and **\$2.2 million** for Glencliff High School track and concessions.

“I’ve often said that kids know how adults value them when they walk into school every morning and see the conditions of their classrooms,” said Mayor Barry. “By investing \$150 million to improve our schools and bus infrastructure, we are telling kids that we care about them and their success by providing a high-quality learning environment in which they can thrive.”

Nearly **\$120 million** has been allocated for transit and transportation infrastructure, including **\$35 million** for street paving, **\$30 million** for sidewalks, **\$24.5 million** for roads and bridges, **\$20 million** for MTA to fund bus replacements and an electronic fare system, and **\$10 million** for traffic signalization improvements.

For Public Safety and Criminal Justice infrastructure Mayor Barry is proposing a capital investment of **\$82 million** to include **\$28 million** for the Police Administrative Headquarters at Murfreesboro Pike, **\$20 million** to complete the CJC reconstruction downtown, **\$20 million** to fund administrative offices for the Davidson County Sheriff’s Office at a location to be determined following community input, **\$10 million** for new fire halls, **\$3 million** for renovations at the Justice A.A. Birch Building, and **\$1 million** for the Juvenile Justice Center Masterplan.

The spending plan also includes **\$12 million** in funds to renovate and upgrade facilities at the Fairgrounds Nashville, the most significant investment in the Fairgrounds by Metro in many years. The renovations, which will have to be approved by the Board of Fair Commissioners and the Metro Council, will be based on the recommendations of a review team led by S. Keith Hargrove, Dean of the College of Engineering at Tennessee State University, and Larry Atema, president and CEO of Commonwealth Development Group.

“Five years ago, voters spoke loud and clear that they wanted to preserve the Fairgrounds for future generations,” said Mayor Barry. “This investment in the Fairgrounds will help to make the facilities more attractive for events and expos around the country, helping to boost the profitability and long-term viability of the Fairgrounds.”

Mayor Barry is proposing **\$38 million** for Metro Parks, including **\$7 million** for the new Smith Springs Community Center, **\$5 million** for the Centennial Park master plan, renovations and improvements, **\$5 million** for Greenways, and **\$6 million** for new soccer fields, half of which is being proposed to create soccer fields on underutilized land at the Fairgrounds.

Additional expenditures include **\$6 million** for a new Nashville Public Library branch in Donelson, **\$7 million** for MDHA for infrastructure improvements around housing facilities, **\$5 million** for equipment and upgrades at General Hospital, and **\$15 million** for major fleet operations in General Services.

Projects in the Capital Spending Plan are represented in the Capital Improvements Budget, a seven-year planning document representing desired investments in infrastructure by the Mayor’s Office, Metro Council, and departments and agencies within Metro.

**FY 2016-17 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN**

**TOTAL - \$475,000,000 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$312 MILLION / MNPS \$150 MILLION / CONTINGENCY \$13 MILLION)**

- **METRO SCHOOLS** **\$150 MILLION**
  - Capital Projects 105.0
    - Hillsboro High School
    - McMurray Middle
    - Pennington Elementary
    - Antioch High School
    - Hillwood/School of the Arts Planning & Design
    - East Nashville Magnet – Bleachers / Concessions
    - Glenclyff High – Track / Concessions
    - Land Acquisition
    - Funds necessary to complete previously approved projects:
      - Overton High School
      - Tusculum Elementary
      - Rosebank Elementary
  - District-wide Projects 45.0

- Technology
- Bus Replacement
- Minor construction upgrades

• <b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		<b>\$100 MILLION</b>
○ Paving	35.0	
○ Sidewalks	30.0	
○ Traffic Signalization	10.0	
○ Roads/Bridges	24.5	
▪ (includes \$6 million for Neely’s Bend)		
○ Solid Waste Study	.5	
• <b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>		<b>\$117 MILLION</b>
○ Police Administrative HQ	28.0	
○ Fairgrounds	12.0	
○ Sheriff Administrative Office	20.0	
○ Major Fleet	15.0	
○ New Fire halls	10.0	
○ Criminal Justice Center	20.0	
○ Birch Renovations (includes new courtroom)	3.0	
○ Farmers Market	3.0	
○ Building Repairs	5.0	
○ Juvenile Justice Center Masterplan	1.0	
• <b>PARKS</b>		<b>\$38 MILLION</b>
○ Centennial Park	5.0	
○ Smith Springs Community Center	7.0	
○ Greenways	5.0	
○ Land Acquisition	5.0	
○ Soccer Fields	6.0	
○ Maintenance/Small Park Improvements	10.0	
• <b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		<b>\$10 MILLION</b>
○ New Donelson Library	6.0	
○ Maintenance	4.0	
• <b>MTA</b>		<b>\$20 MILLION</b>
○ Grant match/bus replacements/new fare system		
• <b>WATER</b>		<b>\$5 MILLION</b>
○ Extend flood-related home buyout program		
• <b>ITS</b>		<b>\$10 MILLION</b>
○ Miscellaneous system upgrades/improvements		
• <b>GENERAL HOSPITAL</b>		<b>\$5 MILLION</b>

- Miscellaneous equipment/upgrades

- **MDHA**

**\$7 MILLION**

- Infrastructure improvements around housing facilities