

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Reallocation of \$200,000 in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds for the Downtown Mall Crossing Project (1 of 2 readings)
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Date of Proposed Action:	May 4, 2026

Issue

The downtown mall crossing project needs additional funding. The resolution seeks to reallocate previously appropriated funds to the mall crossing project.

Background / Rule

The City launched [construction of the two vehicular crossings on the Downtown Mall at 4th Street and 2nd Street](#) on April 1st. Overall, work will include the removal and replacement of existing brick and granite pavers at both intersections, along with targeted concrete repairs and storm drain upgrades at corners along the Downtown Mall. These improvements are part of the City's ongoing efforts to maintain safe, accessible, and well-functioning public spaces downtown, while maintaining the Mall's distinctive historic character.

Analysis

In 2023, City Hall experienced two separate water leaks. The first incident resulted in significant damage across multiple floors of the building. Several months later, a second, smaller leak occurred. To address the damages from the second leak, the City Council approved an additional \$100,000 to be transferred from the CIP Contingency account. However, this transfer ultimately proved unnecessary, as insurance was able to cover the damages caused by the second leak. This resolution proposes to close out the CIP project account created for the second City Hall leak and re-appropriate the previously approved \$100,000 to the Downtown Mall Crossing account.

The FY 2024 CIP included \$575,000 allocated for the renovation of the City Hall Lobby. The renovation was successfully completed, leaving a balance of \$172,641 unspent. With this resolution, the Lobby Renovation CIP project account will also be closed. This resolution seeks to reallocate \$100,000 of the remaining balance to the Downtown Mall Crossing account. Since bonds funded the lobby renovation project, the remaining \$72,641 in the budget will be liquidated and added to the City's available debt capacity.

At present, the Downtown Mall Crossing project has a budget of \$845,221. By reallocating funds from the two completed CIP projects, an additional \$200,000 in previously allocated funds will become available to help address a potential budget gap for the Downtown Mall Crossing project. Any unspent funds remaining at the end of the crossing project will be returned to the CIP contingency account.

Financial Impact

There is no additional financial impact as this is a reallocation of previously appropriated project funds.

Recommendation

Recommend approval to rallocate \$200,000 in existing unspent CIP funds to fill a budget gap in the downtown mall crossing project.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move to approve the resolution to reallocate \$200,000 in CIP funds to the Downtown Mall Crossing project"

Attachments

1. Resolution to reallocate \$200,000 to the Downtown Mall Crossing Project