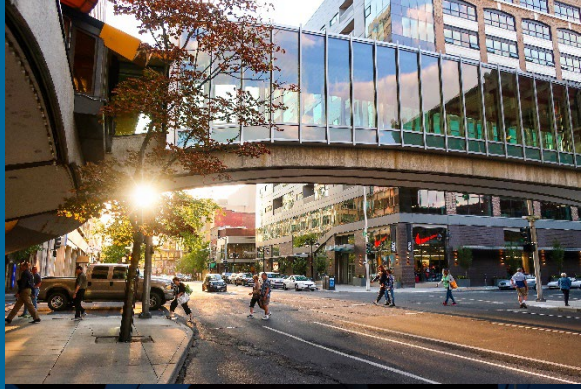
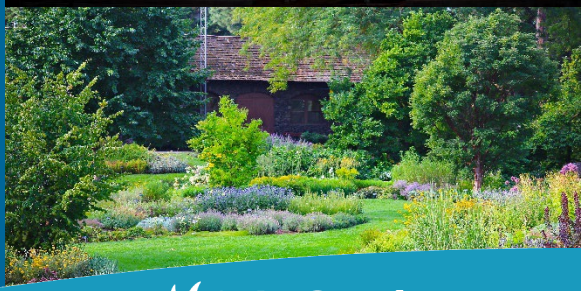
2027–2032 Capital Improvement Program

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The CIP at a glance

The CIP is the City's six-year plan for building, repairing and replacing infrastructure — streets, water and wastewater systems, fire and police facilities, parks and more. The first two years become part of the 2027–28 biennial budget; 2029–2032 is the planning horizon.

$1.50B

Six-year program, 2027–2032

455

Projects

$472M

Budgeted in the 2027–28 biennium

66

New projects added this year ($127M)

Funding status: 139 projects fully funded, 264 partially funded, 52 unfunded. Partial funding is the norm — most projects have money identified for early phases but not yet for later ones.

Review and adoption timeline

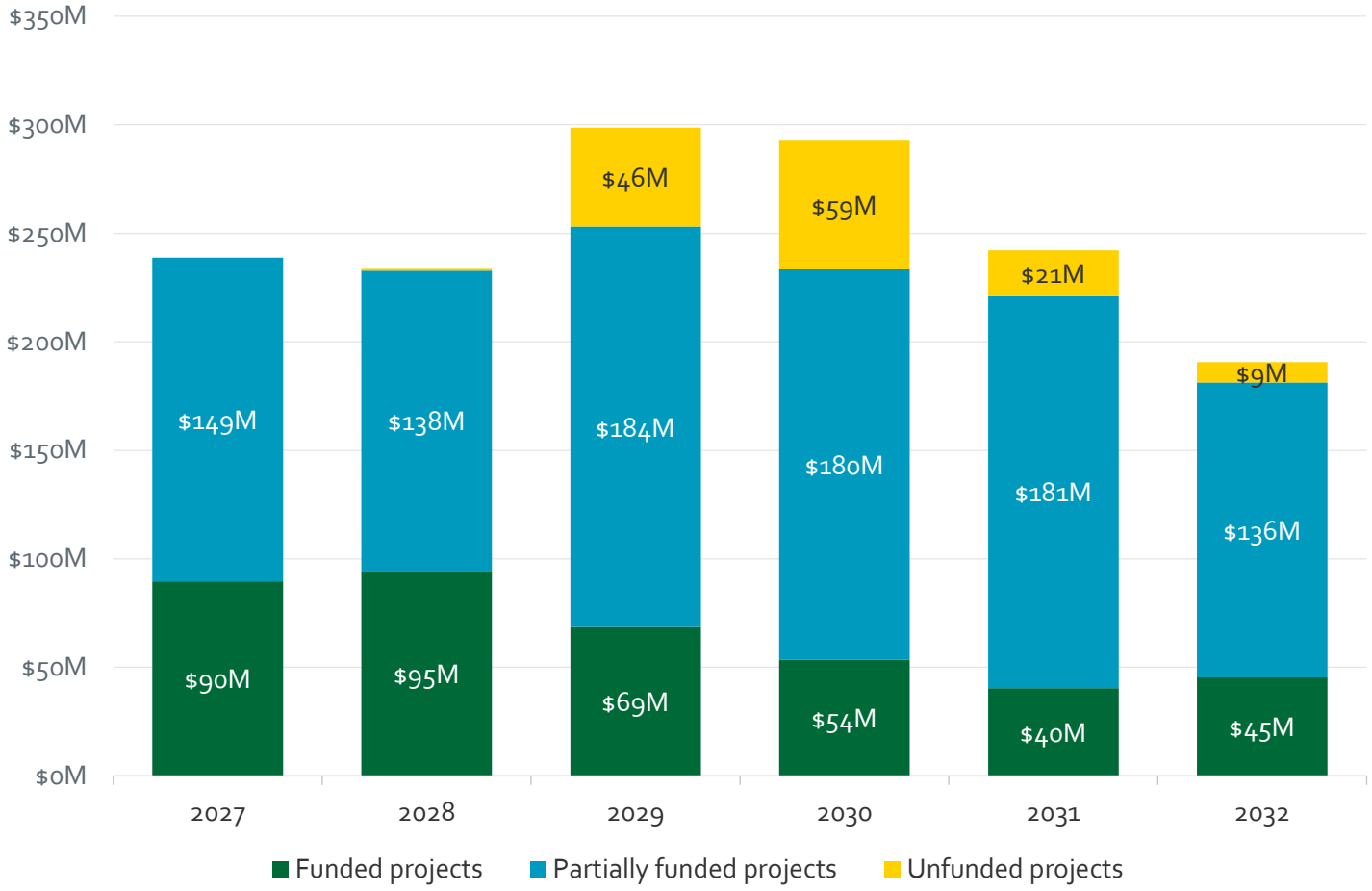


Why the Plan Commission reviews the CIP

Under the Growth Management Act, the CIP is adopted as an appendix to the City's Comprehensive Plan. On September 23, the Plan Commission reviewed new projects that add capacity to City infrastructure — the investments that prepare the City to serve future population growth. Following its October 14 public hearing, the Commission unanimously recommended approval, finding the CIP consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act.

Source: Plan Commission Findings of Fact, File 26-019COMP (signed October 15, 2026).

Needs without funding are deferred to 2029 and beyond



2027–28 biennium

$472M

Only projects with an identified funding source are budgeted.

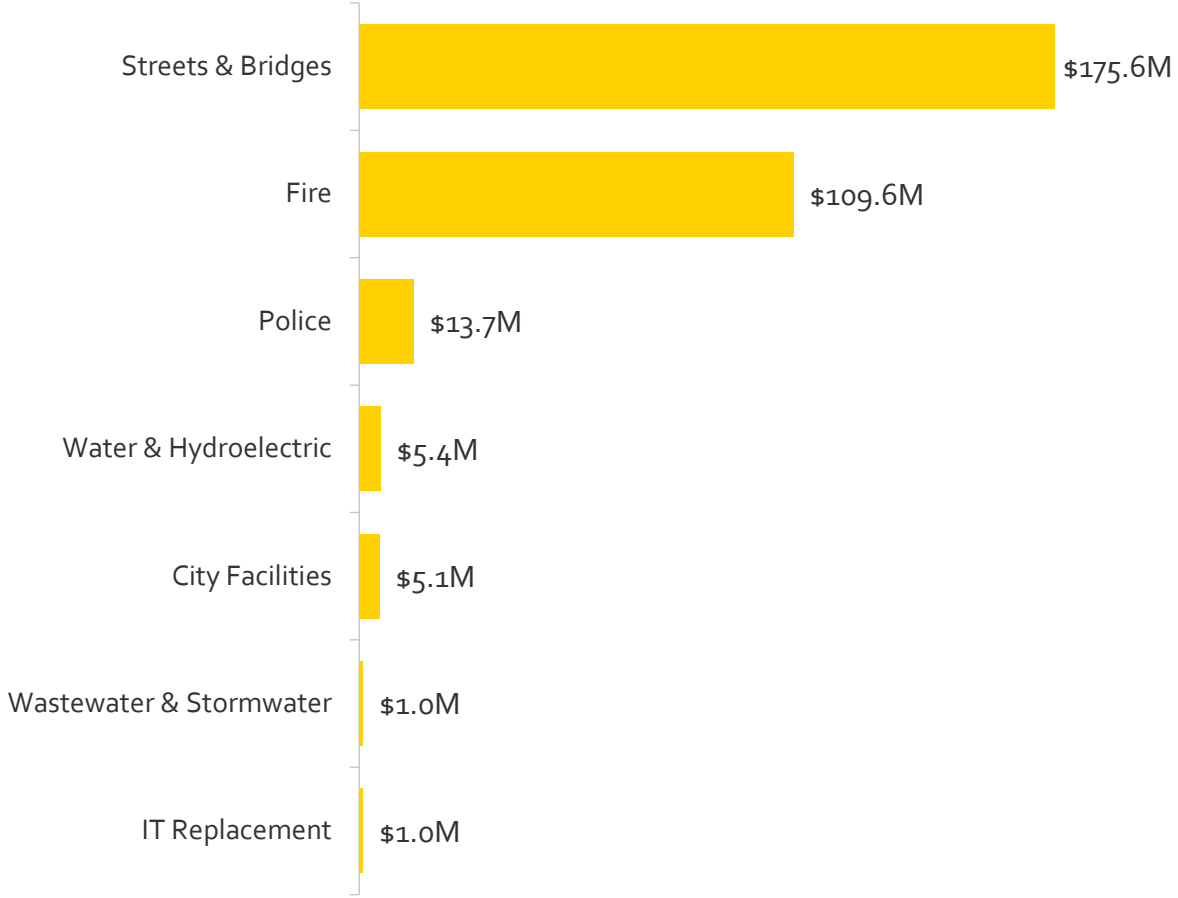
2029–2032 planning years

$311M

Budget lines not yet funded — 30% of out-year costs.

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Fire stations and major street projects drive the deferred need



Largest unfunded needs

$51.6M Latah Bridge rehabilitation

$47.2M Thorpe Rd. tunnels (under BNSF)

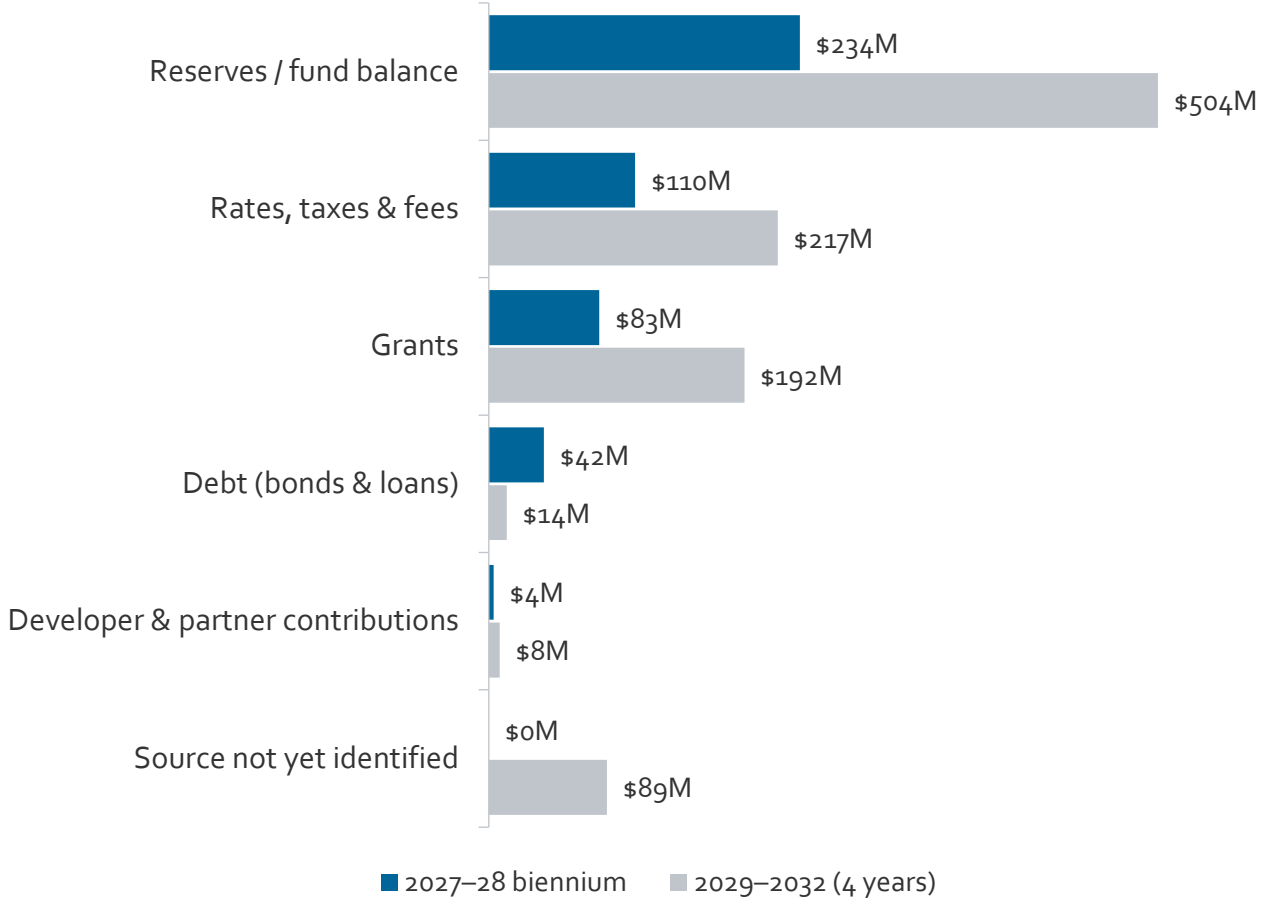
$27.1M Fire Station 1 rebuild

$17.0M Fire Station 6 completion

$15.9M Fire Station 5 permanent station

These five projects account for 51% of all unfunded out-year costs.

How the CIP is paid for

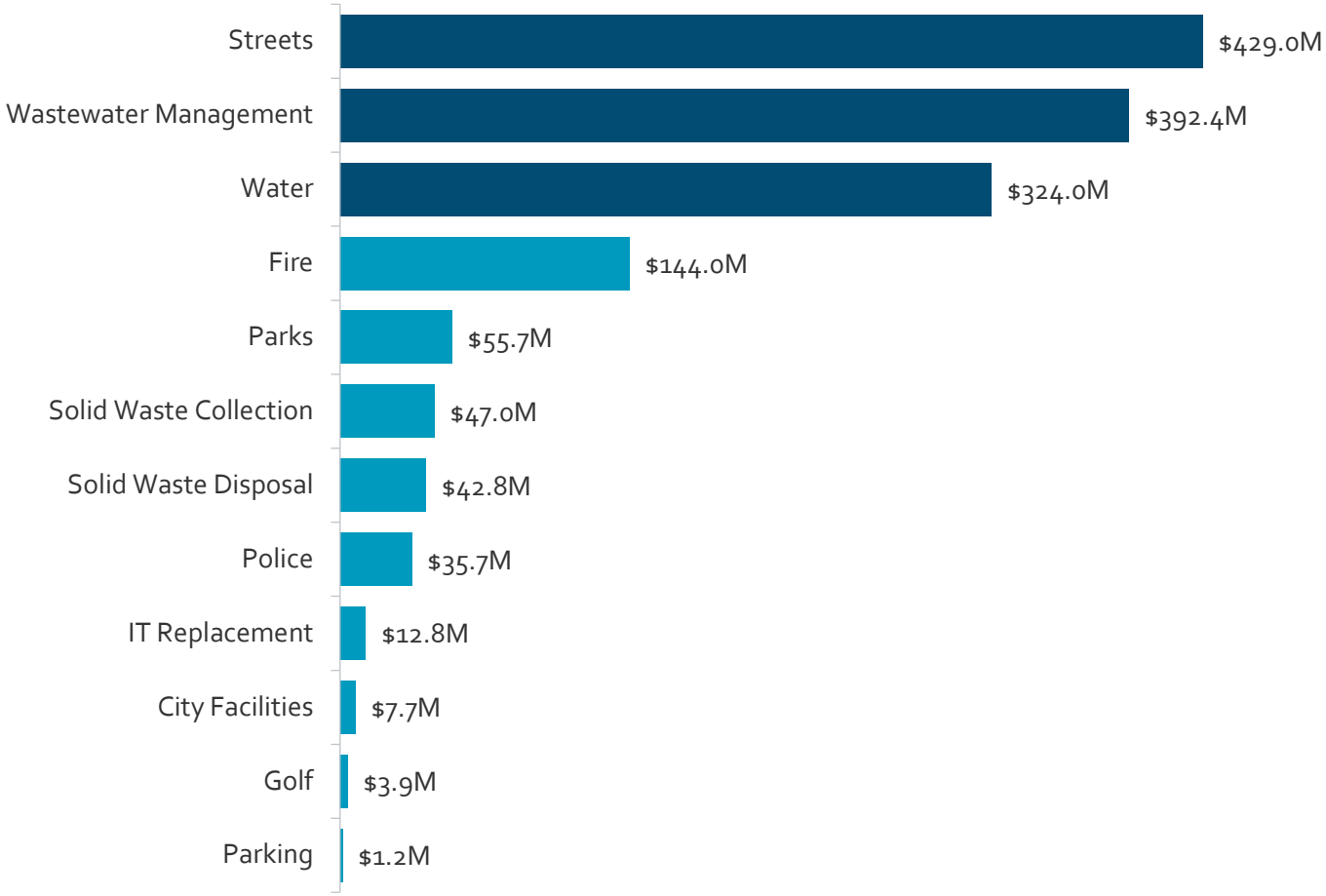


Reserves lead. Reserves cover 50% of 2027–28 costs.

Grants are the big unknown. $192M in grants is planned for 2029–32, but $164M of it has not been awarded.

Gaps appear after 2028. $89M has no source identified yet; none falls in 2027–28.

Where the investment goes



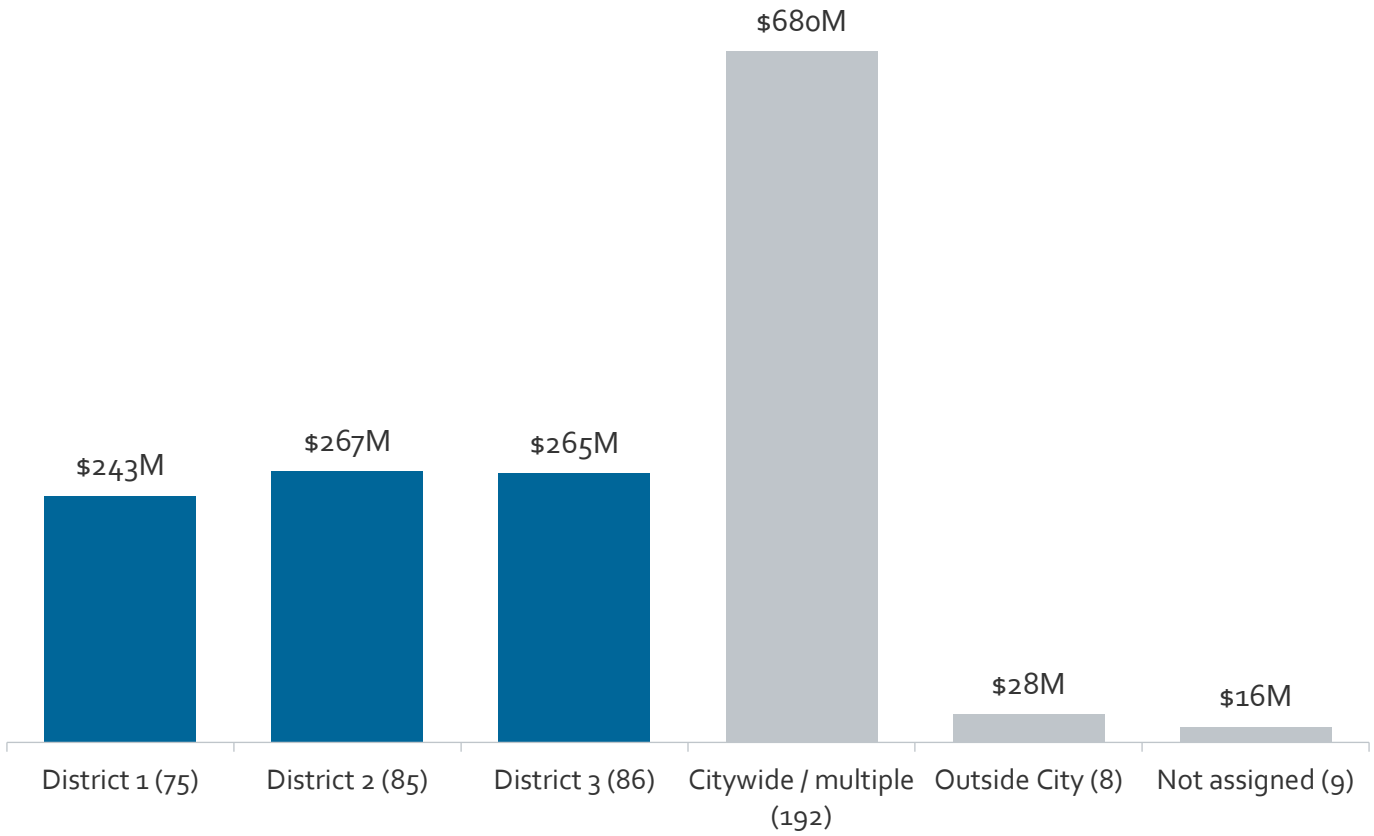
77%

of the six-year plan goes to three core systems: streets & bridges, wastewater, and water.

77%

of dollars fund construction; 15% buys equipment and vehicles. Planning and design are about 7%.

Investment by Council District



Balanced across districts

Each district receives $243M–$266M over six years.

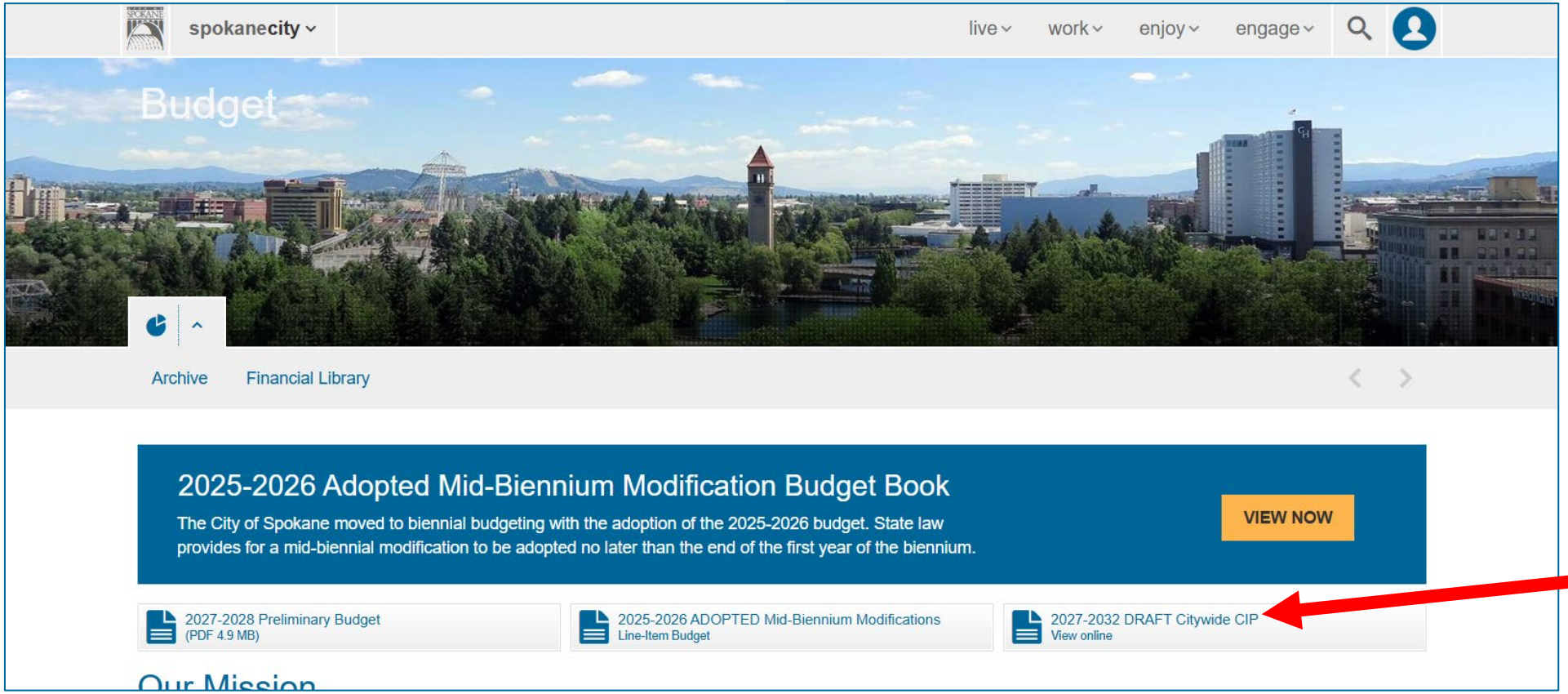
Systems serve everyone

45% ($680M) is in citywide or multi-district projects such as water mains, wells and the wastewater treatment plant.

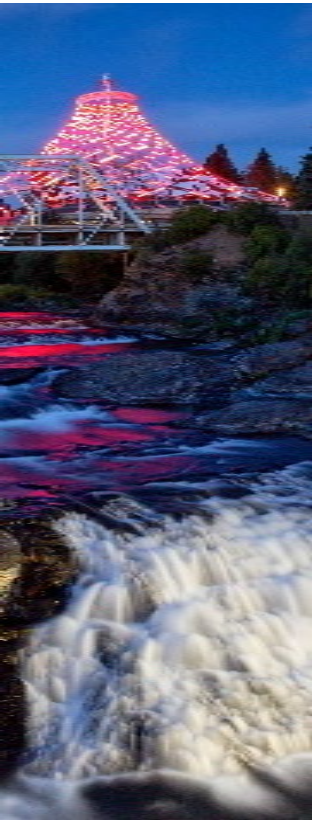
Where can I find the 2027-2032 CIP Draft?

The City's Budget Information page

https://my.spokanecity.org/budget/



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Next steps and questions

Hearings Nov 4 & 11 · Adoption Nov 18

