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MAYOR

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Honorable Chairman and
Members of the City Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I hereby present for your consideration, the City of Tampa's Recommended Capital Improvement Budget for FY03 through FY08.

The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget for FY03 totals \$120.8 million, a decrease of \$17.3 million (12.5 percent) from the FY02 program. This decrease is due to a number of bond funded projects being completed in FY02, which are discussed in subsequent paragraphs. Bond funded projects account for 60.4 percent or \$73.0 million of this year's CIP budget. Most of the bond funding in FY02 was in support of enterprise department funded projects (Water, Solid Waste and Parking), while in FY03 the majority is going towards Community Investment Tax funded projects and Water's South Tampa Area Reclaimed water project. Current tax revenues and enterprise department operating funds support the remainder of the FY03 CIP budget, totaling \$47.8 million.

A number of long-term projects were completed in FY02 or will be completed in FY03. Most notable of these include the McKay Bay Refuse-to-Energy Retrofit (\$87 million), the Hillsborough River Water Treatment Plant Expansion / Improvements (\$65 million), Recreation Facilities Construction / Upgrades (\$18 million), the 1,200 space Fernando Noriega, Jr. Palm Avenue Parking Garage (\$15 million), and the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (\$11 million). In addition, the Tampa - Ybor Historic Streetcar will begin operating in October, 2002 for which the City provided \$10.7 million.

Significant changes for the FY03 CIP program include:

Community Investment Tax: During fiscal year 2002, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds were issued for \$55.6 million in support of the following: Tampa Museum / Cultural Arts District; Lowry Park Zoo Expansion; Ballfield Relocations; Neighborhood Transportation Projects; Fort Brooke Park Development; "Ribbon of Green" Development; Cuscaden Pool Renovation; Hunt Center Relocation; MIS Software / Hardware Upgrades; Communications Enhancements; Tampa Theatre Improvements; and Neighborhood Projects. Expenditures in FY03 are estimated to be \$41.4 million with \$19 million projected for the Tampa Museum / Cultural Arts District.

Water Department: The department has a net decrease of \$9.6 million for FY03. The most significant area of change is in the bond-funded projects. FY02 saw the completion of a three-year Hillsborough River Water Treatment Plant Expansion project that had \$9.2 million budgeted in FY02. Phase I of the South Tampa Area Reclaimed Water (STAR) project began in FY02 with a budget of \$15.4 million. STAR continues in FY03 with a program of \$18.2 million, a \$2.8 million increase.

Solid Waste: Two projects completed in FY02 in the Solid Waste Department were the McKay Bay Refuse-to-Energy Retrofit, a 32-month project started in FY99 (FY02, \$19.8 million) and the new administrative facility (FY02, \$1.3 million). For FY03 one small project, a Roll-off Lot Headache Bar, is budgeted for \$20 thousand.

Utilities Tax Improvement Bonds: Expenditures in FY03 are anticipated to be \$22.1 million lower than in FY02. The most significant changes in this area are decreases resulting from the completion of the Fernando Noriega, Jr. Palm Avenue Garage and Parking Offices (\$15 million), Recreation Facilities Construction / Upgrades (\$6.5 million), and completion of two new fire rescue stations (\$1.9 million). An increase of \$1.7 million is planned in FY03 for the Marjorie Park Marina.

Local Option Gas Tax Construction Bond: Expenditures in FY03 will be \$9.6 million lower. This is due to the completion in FY03 of two major projects funded in prior years. First will be the completion of moving the Public Works and Stormwater Industrial Yard to new facilities (\$5.0 million) and, second, the opening of the Tampa - Ybor Historic Streetcar for which the City's FY02 expenditures were \$4.6 million. Expenditures totaling \$1.6 million are projected for FY03 for New Tampa Road Improvements, Safety Intersection Improvements and 40th Street: Hillsborough to Fowler Roadway Improvements.

This document provides a summary by fund and department of funded and previously appropriated bond / grant funded projects expected to be spent during FY03. It includes maps identifying major projects along with a description of each project. A second summary includes the FY03 program and a plan for the next five years - FY04 through FY08. On the individual project pages we have included detailed street maps for FY03 funded projects to help the readers identify improvement locations. For those projects without a map, locations that are under consideration for funding during the year are identified.

The appendix shows both City and non-City funded Capital projects related to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Also included in the appendix is a summary of the Community Investment Tax program (FY03 - FY06) which includes \$4 million per year for Parks, Recreation and Transportation neighborhood projects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick A. Greco". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dick A. Greco, Mayor