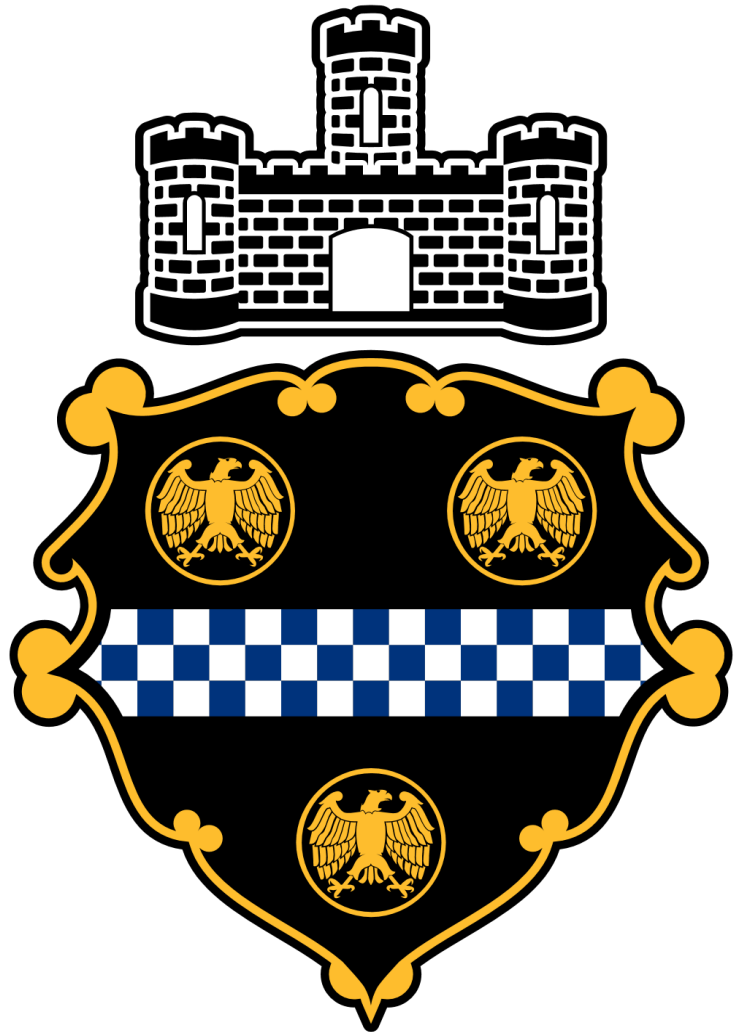


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2022 CAPITAL BUDGET – CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THIS YEAR’S OUTREACH

City Code requires the City to hold two public meetings “to obtain the advice of public officials and citizens in preparation of the project proposals and annual budget.” In most years, The Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of Community Affairs hosts two deliberative forums on the next year’s budget. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and social distancing requirements, OMB hosted the 2022 meetings online.

Additionally, OMB utilized an online survey to capture opinions from the public on the 2022 Capital Budget.

95	Virtual meeting registered participants
181	Completed Surveys
63	Neighborhoods represented
237	Project ideas generated
119	Youtube Views

WHAT WAS THE FORMAT OF THE ONLINE MEETINGS?

OMB hosted three public meetings virtually. Each meeting began with an explanation on the making of the Capital Budget, but also went into more detail on a specific group of related capital budget projects. Working digitally this year though provided opportunities for departments to discuss their work in more detail than in years past.

CAPITAL BUDGET FORUM TOPICS

Meeting Date	Meeting Topic	Department(s)	Project Types
06.01.21	Mobility Projects	Department of Mobility and Infrastructure	Street Resurfacing * Bridges * ADA Ramps * Public Sidewalks * Slope Failure Remediation * Flood Control Projects * Traffic Calming
06.02.21	Recreation and Facility Projects	Department of Public Works * CitiParks * Department of City Planning	Pools * Parks * Playgrounds * Ballfields * Sport Courts * Recreation and Senior Centers * Public Safety Facilities
06.08.21	Community Economic Development Projects	Department of City Planning * Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections * Urban Redevelopment Authority	Sub-recipient grants * Fair Housing * Affordable Housing * Condemned Buildings * Small Business Development

THE MAYOR’S 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Each year, the Mayor provides a list of Capital Budget priorities to all departments. These priorities are an expression of the Mayor’s values and guide departments in selecting and designing proposals for the next year’s Capital Budget.

Equity: Ensuring inclusive growth in all our neighborhoods across the City by addressing equity within the policies, programs and services that the city provides or support

Critical Infrastructure: Building a 21st century infrastructure system that is reliable, secure and efficient to keep the city moving and connected

Mobility: Connecting communities to economic opportunity and supporting improvements for all types of mobility, to ensure our roads, streets and paths are safe, reliable, and convenient

Housing: Providing safe, affordable, and sustainable housing in new development and redevelopment projects across the city

Children and Families: Investing in spaces and programs that benefit our families and youngest residents by improving the access to early childhood centers and increasing the types and quality of programming and services within the city’s recreation and senior centers

Neighborhood Empowerment: Empowering all residents to contribute to the growth and vibrancy of their neighborhoods by ensuring that basic needs are met, diversity of all types is celebrated, and residents have equal access to resources and opportunity

Workforce and Entrepreneurship: Eliminating barriers to opportunity for education and employment for all Pittsburghers by investing in workforce development and entrepreneurship

Critical Communities: Improving the overall wellness of people in Pittsburgh by improving resource access for people who use drugs, experience homelessness or food insecurity

Green Infrastructure: Ensuring that our parks and rivers are safe and clean for recreation and commerce every day of the year

Climate: Eliminating waste, reducing building energy use and greenhouse gases by 50% and moving towards 100% renewable energy electricity in all city run buildings and facilities

Arts, Culture, and Open Space: Providing all residents with affordable and equitable access to art and open spaces in their neighborhoods so that all can enjoy

By their nature, priorities are meant to be broad and inspirational, but not prescriptive. As in years past, some respondents used this space to talk about specific concerns:

- Abandoned properties/code enforcement and property maintenance
- “Get rid of bike lanes”
- Maintenance of public spaces like hillsides, sidewalks, and streets
- “Salting and plowing roads”

Surveys responses also reflect prioritization for people who were not explicitly referenced in “Critical Communities” including seniors and those with disabilities.

SCORING PRIORITIES

Survey respondents were asked to review the Mayor’s 2022 Capital Budget priorities and rate them on a three point scale. The below table represents survey responses sorted from highest-rated priorities to lowest-rated priorities.

2022 Capital Budget Survey Mayoral Priorities	Very Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important		[blank]		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE	145	80%	28	15%	3	2%	5	3%	181	100%
HOUSING	109	60%	46	25%	19	10%	7	4%	181	100%
EQUITY	105	58%	53	29%	19	10%	4	2%	181	100%
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	104	57%	55	30%	17	9%	5	3%	181	100%
CLIMATE	101	56%	51	28%	25	14%	4	2%	181	100%
MOBILITY	97	54%	74	41%	7	4%	3	2%	181	100%
NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT	97	54%	59	33%	20	11%	5	3%	181	100%
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	92	51%	60	33%	26	14%	3	2%	181	100%
ARTS, CULTURE, AND OPEN SPACE	90	50%	67	37%	19	10%	5	3%	181	100%
WORKFORCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP	78	43%	76	42%	24	13%	3	2%	181	100%
CRITICAL COMMUNITIES	76	42%	75	41%	21	12%	9	5%	181	100%

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Survey respondents were asked to provide their own priorities not included on the Mayor’s list. Two topics stood out in the survey responses. They are reflected below with specific responses as examples.

Public Safety – “CRIMINAL JUSTICE (ESPECIALLY POLICE) REFORM,” “DEFUND THE POLICE, USE MONEY FOR THINGS LIKE THIS,” “TRAIN, EMPOWER, AND TASK THE PITTSBURGH POLICE WITH RESTORING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE CITY,” “RESPECTFUL POLICING TO KEEP NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE,” “REDUCE POLICE FUNDING”

Maintaining Public Resources – “BUDGET FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS/STEPS,” “CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE,” “SALTING AND PLOWING ROADS,” “THE ABANDONED HOUSING IS A CRISIS IN ELLIOTT AND TRASH IS EVERYWHERE,” “TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES”

Historically Underserved Populations – “DISABLED COMMUNITY, ACCESSIBILITY, VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS,” “IMPROVED ACCESS TO PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS,” “ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS,” “SENIORS,” “WHEN INITIATIVES COME OUT, PROVIDE THE WAY THIS RELATES TO SENIORS AND DISABLED – MANY THINGS WILL GET PUBLICIZED BUT DON’T APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO BE UTILIZED BY SOMEONE WHO IS ELDERLY OR DISABLED”

CAPITAL PROJECTS

In addition to a broad policy discussion on the Mayor’s priorities, attendees were also asked to discuss the projects they want to see in the 2022 Capital Budget in the form of two survey questions.

In the first question, meeting attendees were asked to identify the specific projects that need to be completed in their neighborhood in 2022. Attendees suggested 280 specific projects.

The most commonly requested projects are reflected below. Each one has the number of requests for that type of project and some specific responses as examples.

PARK RECONSTRUCTION (67) – “MASTER PLAN FOR MANCHESTER FIELD,” “MASTER PLAN FOR THE ARMSTRONG FIELD,” “FORT PITT PARK PLAN,” “SAFE, CLEAN PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN PARKS,” “CREATE OFF-LEASH DOG PARK AREA,” “PLAYGROUND AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS [ALTON FIELD],” “PARK RENOVATION [MANCHESTER PARK]”

COMPLETE STREETS (43) – “CURB BUMP OUTS, CROSSWALKS, AND IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN SIGNALING,” “JUNIATA UNDERPASS AND CROSSWALK UPGRADES,” “SPEED BUMPS SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON PHELAN WAY,” “BIKE LANE,” “TRAFFIC CALMING ON THE 5450 BLOCK OF BROAD STREET IN GARFIELD,” “ADD MORE SPEED CALMING MEASURES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL,” “CLIMBING LANE AND COMPLETE SIDEWALKS UP 18TH STREET,” “CURB EXTENSIONS”

STREET RESURFACING (20) – “ROADS NEED PAVED,” “STREET RESURFACING,” “POTHoles AND HUGE CRACKS IN THE PAVEMENT, ALSO MANY SEWER GRATES NEED FIXED,” “PAVEMENT,” “1017 – 1025 MANHATTAN STREET NEEDS PAVEMENT,” “SYCAMORE STREET PAVING”

POOL REHABILITATION (17) – “MANCHESTER PARK, MANCHESTER POOL, AND MORE GARBAGE CANS,” “MARMADUKE PARK SPRAY PARK RENOVATION,” “KIDDIE POOL SURFACE AT PHILLIPS PARK NEEDS REPLACED,” “REFURBISH [LESLIE] POOL,”

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – SPORT FACILITIES (15) – “BASKETBALL COURTS, LIGHTS,” “FIX BASKETBALL COURTS,” “SOFTBALL FIELDS,” “TENNIS COURT REPAIR,” “TENNIS COURTS NEED TO BE RESURFACED,” “FIX BASKETBALL COURTS”

RAMP AND PUBLIC SIDEWALK (15) – “SIDEWALKS,” “SIDEWALKS ON GRANDVIEW AVENUE,” “PATCH SIDEWALKS,” “SIDEWALKS [ALONG CRANE AVENUE],” “REPAIR SIDEWALK [BLACK ST WEST OF NEGLEY”

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (11) – “AFFORDABLE HOUSING,” “AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP,”

For the second question, meeting attendees were asked to identify the types of projects city-wide that need the most attention in the coming year. Where applicable, responses were matched with an existing Capital Budget project. The most common responses are below.

# of Mentions	Capital Budget Project
85	Street Resurfacing
84	Affordable Housing
83	Public Sidewalks
82	Condemned Buildings
74	Parks
56	Playgrounds
51	Small Business Development
51	Flood Control

Figure A in the appendix is a chart comparing the number of requests for each Council District

Figure B in the appendix is chart showing the distribution of functional areas for city-wide project requests

APPENDIX*Figure A: Neighborhood capital project idea locations*

Survey respondents were asked to “provide specific capital project (or projects) that [they] feel need to be completed in [their] neighborhood in 2022.” All responses with locations were tagged with the corresponding Council District. A comparison of the number of requests by Council District is below.

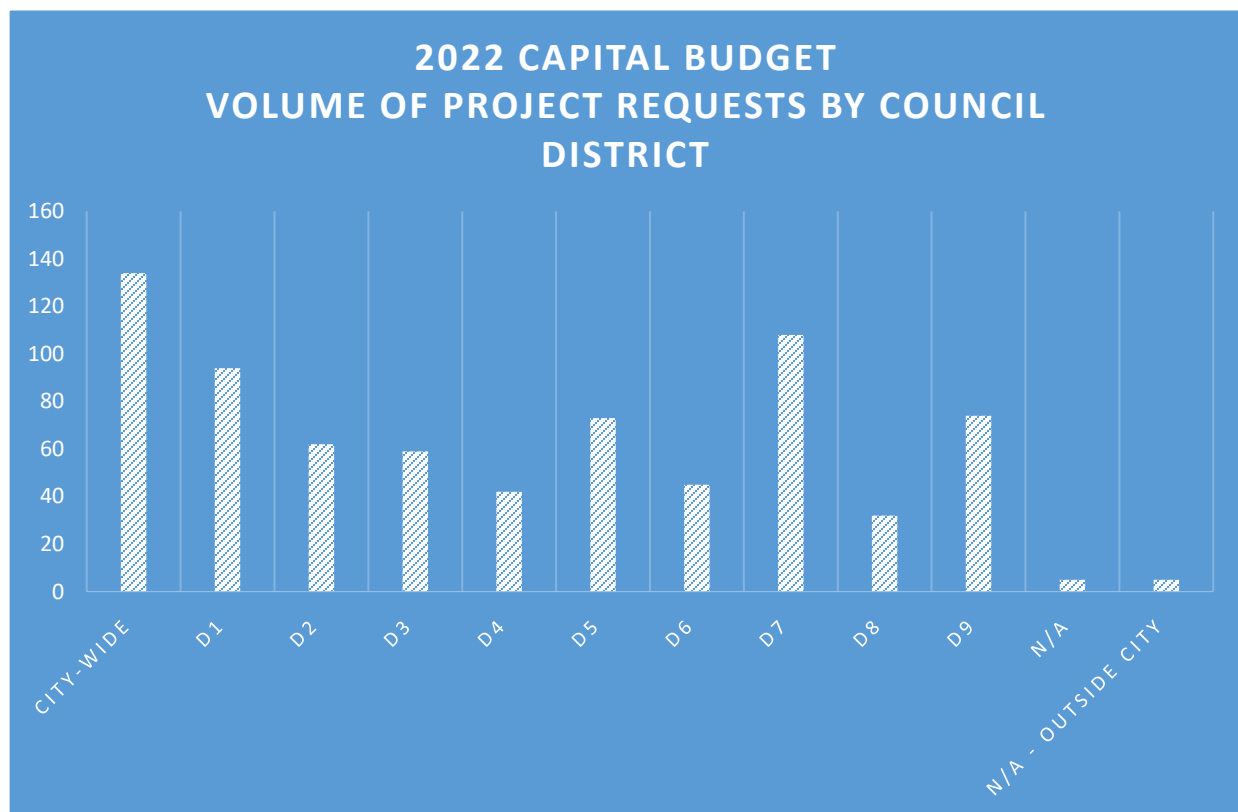


Figure B: City-wide capital project requests

Survey respondents were asked: “Across the whole City, what type of projects (play areas, recreation and senior centers, street resurfacing, etc.) do you think need the most attention in the coming year?” Respondents could check a box next to each of the project types that they think need attention in 2022. The percentage of survey respondents who noted the project type is in need of attention are shown below.

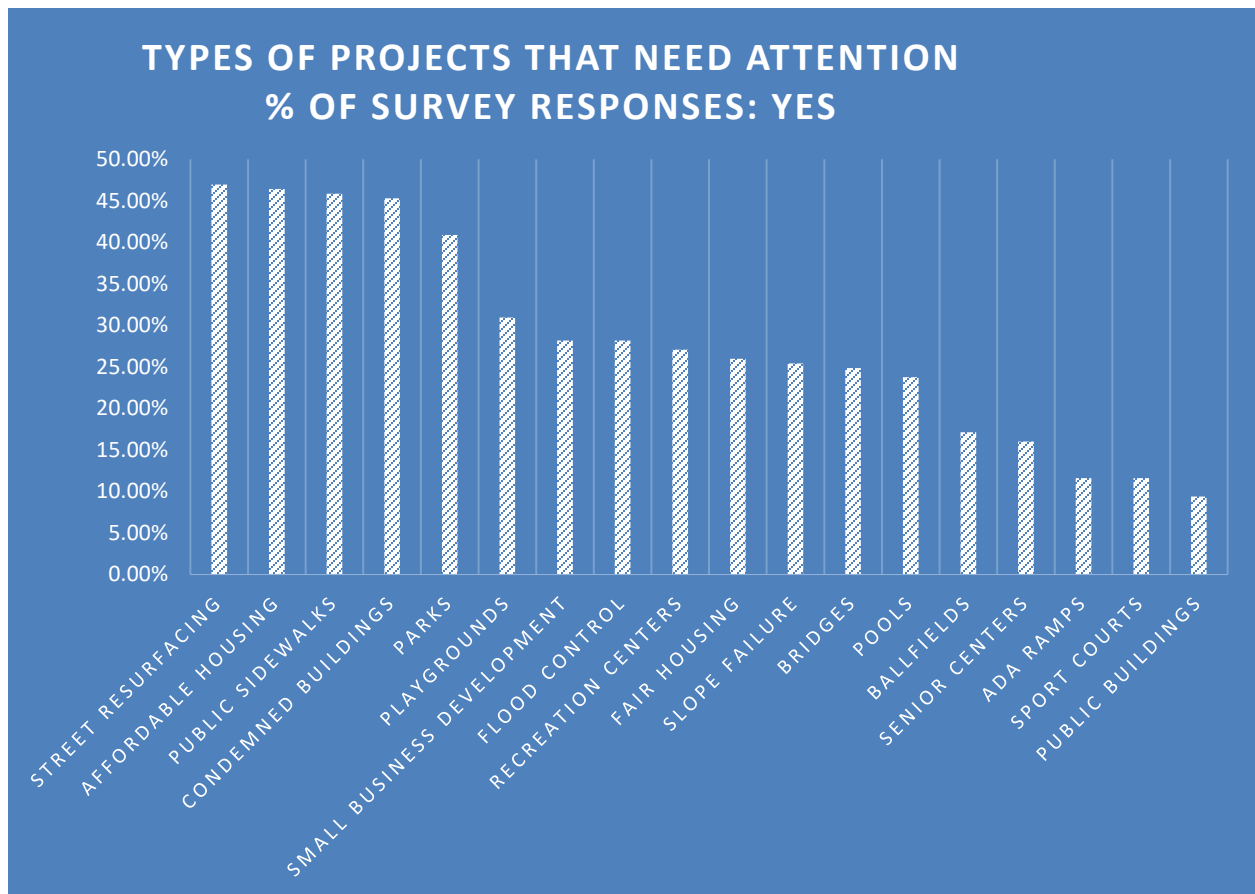


Figure C: Attendees

Survey respondents were asked to provide their neighborhood of residence. Below is a map that shows the distribution of attendees by neighborhood.

