



# FY 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARINGS

**PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AREA**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION, &  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

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# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION - SERVICE AREA

	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed	% change	FY 2025 Adopted FTE	FY 2026 Proposed FTE	% change
General Fund	\$28.6 M	\$28.8 M	0.5%	80.3 FTE	78.19 FTE	(2.7%)
Other Funds*	\$16.2 M	\$6.7 M	(58.6%)	10.30 FTE	8.85 FTE	(14.1%)

Department	General Fund Revenue	General Fund Expenses	General Fund FTE
Planning & Development Services	\$19,026,846	\$24,768,483	70.64
Office of Transportation	\$896,101	\$4,014,327	7.55

*\*Other Funds include developer impact and in-lieu funds (housing, traffic, and parking) and Stanford Medical University Center (SUMC). Additional information is available in the Special Revenue Fund section.*



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# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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OPERATING PG. 315 - 330

# FY 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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## Community Impact

The FY 2026 budget proposals maintains PDS's ability to deliver responsive, coordinated development review services and advance key City Council priorities—particularly around housing and community resilience.

## Major Proposed Changes in General Fund

- Add 1.0 FTE Principal Planner to improve Development Center capacity and lead cross-departmental coordination on complex projects.
- Add \$150K in one-time funds for consultant support on Housing Element, development fees, parklets, and other high-impact Council initiatives.
- Reclassify 1.0 FTE Plan Review Manager to Manager Planning to align roles and support consistent leadership structure.
- Eliminate 0.48 FTE Staff Specialist as part of a broader Public Works staffing reorganization.

## Key Initiatives

- Implement Housing Element programs and zoning updates to support housing production
- Advance Downtown and San Antonio Area housing plans
- Present anti-rent gouging ordinance proposals for Council review
- Update 2026 California Building Standards Code, including green building measures
- Streamline pre-application and permit review workflows
- Evaluate citywide development impact fees and explore affordability-based waivers
- Progress on seismic hazard ordinance to improve building safety and resilience



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# OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

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# FY 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY (OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION)

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## **Community Impact**

Proposed changes reflect the strategic deployment of resources to increase the safety and use of sustainable multimodal transportation and maintain City operations

## **Major Proposed Changes in General and Special Revenue Fund**

- Add 1.00 Project Engineer (primarily funded by VTA Measure B Local Streets & Rail and FRA grants) to bolster the City's Rail grade separation CIP
- Ongoing loans of \$1.8M to the City's Parking Funds to offset ongoing deficits (reduction of \$0.2M to the Residential Parking Permit Fund)

## **Office of Transportation Initiatives:**

- Upgrade traffic signal systems to improve reliability and enhance pedestrian access
- Seek funding and implement foundational elements of Safe Streets for All Action Plan
- Complete Bike and Pedestrian Plan Updates
- Complete procurement and implement new parking systems and technology
- Key CIPs:
  - Churchill Avenue Enhanced Bikeways
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (Council Priority m)
  - Grade separations/Quiet Zones (Council Priority hhh)
  - Churchill/Alma Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements
  - Charleston/Alma Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements