

Enterprise Funds

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS

Sewerage and Drainage Operating Fund

The sanitary sewer enterprise fund is used by the city to account for all financial activity related to the operation of the sanitary sewer enterprise. The city collects and treats effluent of city residents and residents of certain suburban areas. The city has two sewerage treatment plants. Revenues consist primarily of user charges.

2025 Cash Balance Statement

The projected beginning year 2025 cash balance is \$299.6 million, which includes \$79.5 million in two reserve funds and an Environmental Protection Agency mandated replacement fund.

2025 Sewerage and Drainage Operating Fund	
Balance Summary	
Unencumbered Cash Balance (January 1, 2025)	\$ 299,601,544
Plus Estimated 2025 Receipts	381,035,226
Total Estimated Available Resources	\$ 680,636,771
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Sewers/Drains)	(350,407,122)
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Administration)	(26,147,030)
Projected Available Balance (December 31, 2025)	\$ 304,082,619

2025 Revenue Summary

User fees support the operations of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. Section 118 of the Columbus City Charter empowers City Council to establish separate utility rates to fully cover the cost of service. Rates are set to fully recover the cost of operations, maintenance, and debt service, and are reviewed annually by the Sewer and Water Advisory Board. City Council must approve all rate increases before they are effective.

One of the city's goals in the rate setting process is to avoid steep increases and at the same time fully meet the needs of the system. To achieve this goal, a pro forma operating statement was developed. The pro forma is routinely updated to reflect changing appropriations, expenditures, and revenues.

2025 Sewerage and Drainage Operating Fund Revenue by Source and Year Historical and Projected				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue Summary	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Proposed
Sewer Sales	\$ 253,107,178	\$ 272,515,739	\$ 267,534,218	\$ 296,106,422
Wet Weather Charges	45,281,478	48,306,216	47,613,786	51,998,725
System Capacity Charges	8,700,565	9,148,987	8,595,325	10,007,448
Investment Earnings	4,155,990	10,213,883	13,715,434	8,019,730
Storm Maintenance Reimbursement	10,642,976	3,270,142	9,804,776	10,964,769
Other Revenue	1,693,131	1,608,359	2,368,723	3,938,133
Cash Balance	268,576,038	285,970,128	314,016,824	299,601,544
Total Resources	\$ 592,157,356	\$ 631,033,455	\$ 663,649,087	\$ 680,636,771
Percent Change		6.57%	5.17%	2.56%

Notes:

- The Sewer and Water Advisory Board recommended a five percent increase in rates for 2025. With this increase, revenues, excluding the beginning balance, will exceed \$381 million in 2025.
- The interest earnings projection in 2025 estimates a 41 percent decrease from 2024 estimated interest. Investment income, as a revenue source to the enterprise funds, is based on the amount of cash available in the treasury upon which interest can be earned.
- The storm maintenance reimbursement will continue in 2025. This transfer of funds from the storm to the sanitary sewer fund is a reimbursement for shared resources.
- The low-income discount is continued in 2025. This discount is applied to the commodity portion of the customer's sanitary sewer bill to provide financial relief to qualifying customers.

Sewerage and Drainage Operating Fund

Pro Forma Operating Statement

Presented below is a pro forma operating statement for the sewerage system enterprise operating fund, reflecting sanitary sewer operations only. A separate pro forma statement for storm sewer operations is presented later in this document. Represented is a projection of the sewerage and drainage operating fund revenues and expenditures for the period 2023 through 2034, the assumptions for which are outlined below. The pro forma operating statement is essential to the planning and rate setting processes. The major assumptions upon which the pro forma's numbers are based are as follows:

- The Sewer and Water Advisory Board has recommended various sewer rate increases, and such increases are projected to generate an additional three percent in revenue for 2025.

- Growth of the sanitary system is projected to be one-half percent throughout the pro forma projection period.
 - System capacity charges are assumed to grow by approximately 16 percent in 2025.
 - Projections for personnel costs reflect the rates in effect for the various collective bargaining agreements and/or management salary ordinances represented in the division.
 - The 2025 operations and maintenance budget includes \$16.3 million to pay pro rata (payment to the general fund for services provided to the utility divisions by general fund agencies).
 - In 2025, the division will pay over \$182 million in debt service costs related to various debt issuances. This debt was issued to help fund large infrastructure improvements and upgrades at the wastewater treatment plants and to the wastewater system.
 - The Division of Sewerage and Drainage's pro forma statement assumes that all general obligation debt will be issued in the first-half of any given year, such that half of the interest expense is due in the issuance year and the first principal payment is due in a future year.
 - A portion of the costs associated with the Public Utilities Director's Office is borne by the sewerage enterprise operating fund. In 2025, \$26.1 million is allocated in this fund for the Director's Office.
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Enterprise Funds

SANITARY SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND PRO FORMA OPERATING STATEMENT (000's omitted)												
	Actual 2023	Estimated 2024	Proposed 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Revenue												
Sewer Sales	\$ 272,516	\$ 267,534	\$ 284,262	\$ 299,968	\$ 319,556	\$ 343,634	\$ 369,527	\$ 397,371	\$ 427,313	\$ 455,216	\$ 484,942	\$ 511,735
Sewer Sales Increase	-	-	11,844	14,998	18,641	20,045	21,556	23,180	21,366	22,761	20,206	21,322
Wet Weather	48,306	47,614	49,942	52,623	55,781	59,557	63,565	67,039	70,747	74,099	77,636	80,724
Wet Weather Increase	-	-	2,056	2,497	3,070	3,254	3,474	3,708	3,352	3,537	3,087	3,235
Investment Earnings	10,214	13,715	8,020	8,060	8,100	8,141	8,181	8,222	8,263	8,305	8,346	8,388
System Capacity Charges	9,149	8,595	10,007	10,108	10,209	10,311	10,414	10,518	10,623	10,729	10,837	10,945
Other	1,409	2,295	3,938	3,942	3,946	3,950	3,954	3,958	3,962	3,966	3,970	3,974
Reimbursement from Stormwater Fund	3,270	9,805	10,965	11,239	11,520	11,808	12,103	12,406	12,716	13,034	13,360	13,693
Debt Refinancing	191	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer In	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	345,063	349,632	381,035	403,434	430,822	460,700	492,774	526,401	558,341	591,647	622,383	654,016
Beginning Fund Balance	285,970	314,017	299,602	304,083	302,176	288,782	280,518	249,053	257,889	180,628	184,191	230,740
Total Resources	631,033	663,649	680,637	707,517	732,998	749,482	773,292	775,455	816,230	772,274	806,574	884,755
Operating Expenses												
Personnel Services	34,174	36,785	43,462	41,632	42,881	44,168	45,493	46,858	48,263	49,711	51,203	52,739
Health Insurance	6,784	7,434	9,968	9,734	10,220	10,731	11,268	11,831	12,423	13,044	13,696	14,381
Supplies & Materials	11,625	16,873	17,083	14,760	15,940	17,216	18,593	20,080	21,687	23,422	25,296	27,319
Pro Rata	14,710	16,976	16,292	17,465	18,650	19,944	21,332	22,788	24,171	25,612	26,943	28,312
Contractual Services	42,061	54,626	61,228	54,763	56,953	59,231	61,600	64,064	66,627	69,292	72,064	74,946
Other	73	55	127	127	128	128	129	130	130	131	132	132
Equipment	831	3,229	5,274	4,780	5,258	5,784	6,363	6,999	7,699	8,469	9,316	10,247
Department of Public Utilities Allocation	13,706	18,633	26,147	22,513	23,638	24,820	26,061	27,364	28,732	30,169	31,677	33,261
Transfers	-	-	14,364	14,164	9,981	45,856	71,647	32,044	47,672	32,959	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	123,964	154,611	193,945	179,937	183,651	227,878	262,486	232,159	257,405	252,809	230,326	241,339
Debt Service												
Revenue Bond	33,390	45,314	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Obligation	60,395	65,418	62,399	60,221	57,391	54,216	49,433	49,992	45,377	41,283	39,626	35,346
OWPCLF/OWDA Debt - Non Wet Weather	98,483	97,728	112,660	123,207	139,317	104,545	91,137	88,642	156,863	82,358	81,947	82,011
Proposed New Debt	-	-	7,050	41,476	63,356	81,823	120,682	146,273	175,457	211,133	223,435	244,691
Fiscal Charges	785	977	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Total Debt Service	193,053	209,437	182,609	225,404	260,565	241,085	261,752	285,407	378,198	335,274	345,508	362,549
Total Expenses	317,017	364,048	376,554	405,341	444,215	468,964	524,238	517,565	635,602	588,084	575,834	603,887
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 314,017	\$ 299,602	\$ 304,083	\$ 302,176	\$ 288,782	\$ 280,518	\$ 249,053	\$ 257,889	\$ 180,628	\$ 184,191	\$ 230,740	\$ 280,868

Electricity Enterprise Fund

The electricity enterprise fund is used by the city to account for all financial activity related to the operation of the electricity enterprise. The city purchases, but does not generate, electricity and sells it to its residential and commercial customers. Revenues consist primarily of user charges.

2025 Cash Balance Statement

Revenues into the electricity enterprise fund are expected to continue to parallel the expense for the purchase of power. Electrical sales revenue is expected to increase slightly over that of the previous year.

At the beginning of 2025, there is a projected cash balance of \$10.9 million, which reflects the combined balances of the reserve and operating funds.

2025 Electricity Enterprise Fund	
Balance Summary	
Unencumbered Cash Balance (January 1, 2025)	\$ 10,975,020
Plus Estimated 2025 Receipts	101,593,279
Total Estimated Available Resources	\$ 112,568,299
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Power)	(121,637,726)
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Administration)	(5,374,033)
Projected Available Balance (December 31, 2025)	<u><u>\$ (14,443,460)</u></u>

2025 Revenue Summary

The electricity enterprise is supported by revenues generated through the sale of wholesale (purchased) power. Section 118 of the Columbus City Charter empowers City Council to establish separate utility rates to fully cover the cost of service. Rates are set to completely recover the cost of operations, maintenance, and debt service. City Council must approve all rate increases before they are effective.

Electricity operating fund revenues fall into two basic categories: revenue from the retail sale of electricity and specific services (e.g. operation and maintenance of expressway lighting) and investment earnings.

2025 Electricity Enterprise Fund Revenue by Source and Year Historical and Projected				
Revenue Summary	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Estimated	2025 Proposed
Charges for Electrical Service	\$ 78,128,691	\$ 80,098,474	\$ 86,862,927	\$ 103,171,973
Lighting	1,173,073	1,167,747	1,256,147	1,187,000
Kilowatt Hour Tax Reduction	(3,358,596)	(3,360,752)	(3,648,331)	(3,409,228)
Investment Earnings	(195,849)	1,024,427	1,500,000	1,102,500
Cogen Charges/Revenue	-	-	(1,840,555)	(2,008,966)
Other Revenue	9,587,147	10,005,297	9,588,262	1,550,000
Cash Balance	34,037,580	30,377,231	27,038,532	10,975,020
Total Resources	\$ 119,372,046	\$ 119,312,423	\$ 120,756,980	\$ 112,568,299
Percent Change		-0.05%	1.21%	-6.78%

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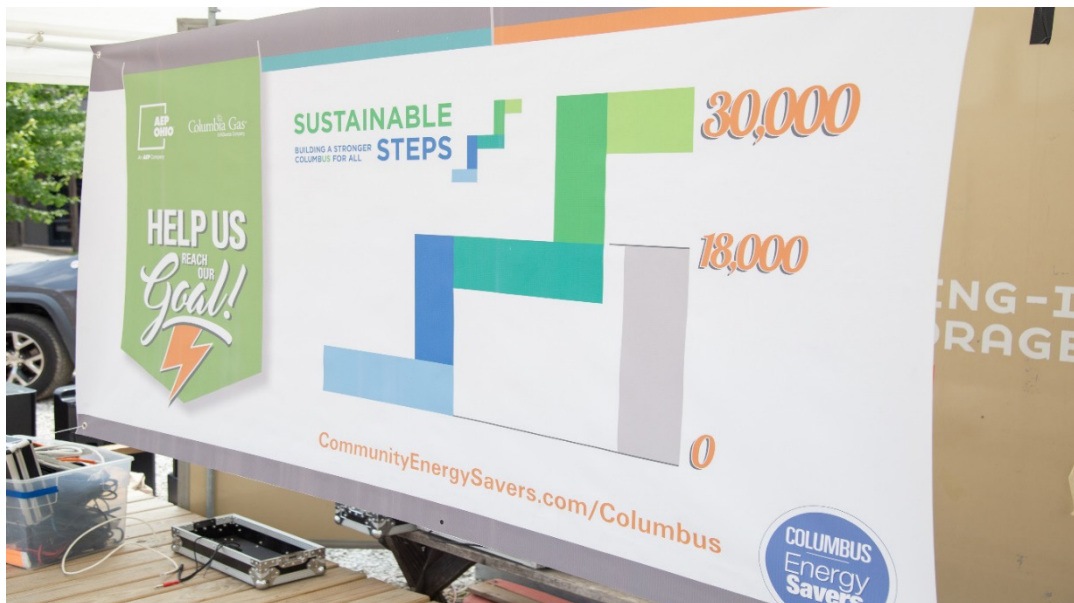
- Revenues, excluding the beginning year cash balance, are expected to be over \$101 million in 2025.
- Revenues to the electricity enterprise fund are generated through the purchase of wholesale and resale of retail electricity.
- Effective May 2001, changes in state law caused the Division of Electricity to pay the proceeds of a kilowatt hour tax to the general fund. At that time, to avoid a net reduction in revenue to the division, the general fund reimbursed the payments to the electricity operating fund. However, in 2004, legislation was passed that allowed the general fund to keep the kilowatt hour proceeds. In turn, through 2008, the division received a portion of the costs associated with operation of the street light system from the street construction, maintenance, and repair fund (SCMR fund). Starting in 2009, however, this intra-fund transfer was not made again until 2023, when the general fund retained 100 percent of the value of the kilowatt hour tax.
- 2025 includes \$1.1 million of anticipated investment earnings.

Electricity Enterprise Fund

Pro Forma Operating Statement

Presented on the next page is a pro forma operating statement for the electricity enterprise operating fund, which outlines projections of operating fund revenues and expenditures on a cash basis for the period 2023 through 2034. Assumptions are outlined below. This division does not follow the same rate setting processes as the Water, Sanitary, and Stormwater Divisions. Rather, its rates are determined by what the market will support given that there are other providers of retail electricity in the area. As such, the pro forma operating statement is essential to the division's planning, management, and decision-making processes. The major assumptions upon which the pro forma's numbers are based are as follows:

- The pro forma assumes operating, maintenance, and debt service costs for the division's street lighting program through the entire pro forma period. The objective of the program is to install street lighting throughout the city with revenues derived from electric retail sales.
- The largest portion of the Division of Electricity's budget, by far, is for the purchase of wholesale electrical power. In 2025, over \$64 million is budgeted for this commodity. These figures reflect the division's estimates for transmission, capacity, and other ancillary charges.
- Growth of the electric system (i.e. residential sales) is projected to be two percent throughout the pro forma projection period.
- A portion of the costs associated with the Public Utilities Director's Office is borne by the electricity enterprise operating fund. In 2025, \$5.3 million is allocated in this fund for this purpose.



ELECTRICITY ENTERPRISE FUND

PRO FORMA OPERATING STATEMENT (000's omitted)

	Actual 2023	Estimated 2024	Proposed 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Revenue												
Residential Electricity Sales	\$ 8,300	\$ 9,600	\$ 13,452	\$ 16,573	\$ 20,477	\$ 20,579	\$ 20,682	\$ 20,785	\$ 20,889	\$ 20,994	\$ 21,099	\$ 21,204
Commercial Electricity Sales	70,869	76,263	88,724	103,586	123,510	124,127	124,748	125,371	125,998	126,628	127,261	127,898
Area Lighting	697	700	715	562	573	584	596	608	620	632	645	658
Expressway Lighting	471	556	472	474	477	479	482	484	486	489	491	494
Kilowatt Hour Tax Reduction	(3,361)	(3,648)	(3,409)	(3,426)	(3,443)	(3,461)	(3,478)	(3,495)	(3,513)	(3,530)	(3,548)	(3,566)
O'Shaughnessey hydro	-	-	134	269	270	271	271	272	273	274	274	274
Cogen	-	(1,841)	(2,143)	(2,597)	(2,886)	(3,226)	(7,835)	(7,874)	(7,914)	(7,953)	(7,993)	(3,249)
AMI	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Standby Rate	-	225	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCRA	6,895	6,113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenues	3,090	2,000	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,793	1,828
Investment Earnings	1,024	1,500	1,103	1,158	1,216	1,276	1,340	1,407	1,477	1,551	1,629	1,710
Debt Refinancing	19	750	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer In (Sewers, Water)	929	1,000	996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	88,935	93,718	101,593	118,159	141,784	142,253	138,462	139,247	140,041	140,842	141,651	147,252
Beginning Fund Balance	30,377	27,039	10,975	(14,443)	(18,641)	(5,435)	1,507	231	(1,885)	(6,446)	(12,920)	(21,603)
Total Resources	119,312	120,757	112,568	103,716	123,143	136,818	139,968	139,478	138,156	134,396	128,732	125,649
Operating Expenses												
Personnel Services	8,285	9,220	11,118	10,056	10,107	10,157	10,208	10,259	10,310	10,362	10,414	10,466
Health Insurance	1,310	1,604	2,131	1,790	1,504	1,263	1,061	891	749	629	528	444
Purchase Power	54,615	60,700	64,255	74,836	75,452	77,557	77,557	75,582	75,354	75,386	75,386	75,386
NextERA Solar PPA Costs	-	1,500	3,520	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies & Materials	5,138	5,053	6,289	4,151	4,566	5,023	5,525	6,077	6,685	7,354	8,089	8,898
Pro Rata	3,862	4,440	4,343	5,325	6,388	6,409	6,239	6,274	6,310	6,346	6,383	6,635
Services	11,318	11,337	14,137	10,321	11,353	12,489	13,738	15,111	16,622	18,285	20,113	22,124
Other	6	21	22	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
Capital Equipment	3,140	9,114	11,043	5,065	5,217	5,373	5,534	5,700	5,871	6,048	6,048	6,048
Department of Public Utilities Allocation	2,712	3,817	5,374	4,953	5,448	5,993	6,592	7,251	7,976	8,774	9,651	10,616
Total Operating Expenses	90,385	106,807	122,233	116,508	120,045	124,274	126,464	127,158	129,890	133,195	136,624	140,629
Debt Service												
General Obligation	1,855	2,901	3,880	3,505	3,401	3,297	3,193	3,084	2,970	2,692	2,594	2,496
Street Light Assessments	-	-	418	-	-	-	13	13	13	13	13	13
New Distribution Debt Service	-	-	381	2,244	5,033	7,640	9,967	11,008	11,629	11,316	11,004	10,692
Fiscal Charges	34	73	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total Debt Service	1,889	2,975	4,779	5,849	8,534	11,037	13,273	14,205	14,712	14,121	13,711	13,301
Total Expenses	92,274	109,782	127,012	122,356	128,579	135,311	139,737	141,363	144,602	147,316	150,335	153,930
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 27,039	\$ 10,975	(14,443)	(18,641)	(5,435)	\$ 1,507	\$ 231	(1,885)	(6,446)	(12,920)	(21,603)	(28,281)

Water Operating Fund

The water enterprise fund is used by the city to account for all financial activity relating to the operation of the water enterprise. The city collects, purifies, and sells water to city residents and residents of certain suburban areas. Water is collected from surface areas (rivers) and wells. The city has three water treatment plants. Revenues consist primarily of user charges.

2025 Cash Balance Statement

The projected beginning year 2025 cash balance is \$208.4 million, which includes \$45.0 million in a reserve fund.

2025 Water Operating Fund Balance Summary	
Unencumbered Cash Balance (January 1, 2025)	\$ 208,386,828
Plus Estimated 2025 Receipts	<u>275,236,852</u>
Total Estimated Available Resources	\$ 483,623,680
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Water)	(287,428,123)
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Administration)	(23,780,568)
Projected Available Balance (December 31, 2025)	<u><u>\$ 172,414,989</u></u>

2025 Revenue Summary

User fees completely support the operations of the Water Division. Section 118 of the Columbus City Charter empowers City Council to establish separate utility rates to fully cover the cost of service. Rates are set to recover the cost of operations, maintenance, and debt service, and are reviewed annually by the Sewer and Water Advisory Board. City Council must approve all rate increases before they are effective.

One of the city's goals in the rate setting process is to avoid steep increases, and at the same time, fully meet the needs of the system. To achieve this goal, a pro forma operating statement was developed. The pro forma is routinely updated to reflect changing appropriations, expenditures, and revenues.

2025 Water Operating Fund Revenue by Source and Year Historical and Projected				
Revenue Summary	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Estimated	2025 Proposed
Water Sales	\$ 206,023,733	218,873,767	\$ 225,941,698	\$ 257,456,307
Water Penalty Fee	2,654,655	2,475,635	2,089,338	1,717,943
System Capacity Charges	6,549,597	7,655,558	7,991,776	7,851,122
Sewer Billings	5,063,940	4,416,718	4,311,946	2,201,344
Meter Service Fee	856,391	1,118,675	1,047,989	952,352
Investment Earnings	2,805,358	6,722,475	9,126,862	3,948,329
Other Revenue	2,066,666	1,983,038	3,042,385	1,109,456
Cash Balance	188,287,162	199,782,842	215,611,101	208,386,828
Total Resources	\$ 414,307,502	\$ 443,028,707	\$ 469,163,095	\$ 483,623,680
Percent Change		6.93%	5.90%	3.08%

Notes:

- The Sewer and Water Advisory Board recommended a five percent increase in water rates for 2025. Water sales are projected to generate \$257 million in 2025.
- The low-income discount is continued in 2025. This discount is applied to the commodity portion of the customer's water bill to provide financial relief to qualifying customers.
- The 2025 investment earnings projection reflects a decrease of 56.7 percent from 2024 estimated income. Investment income, as a revenue source to the enterprise funds, is based on the amount of cash available in the treasury upon which interest can be earned.

Water Operating Fund

Pro Forma Operating Statement

A pro forma operating statement from 2023 through 2034 is presented on the following page. The statement is designed to project the utility's revenues and expenditures for that period, given certain assumptions, and is essential to the planning and rate-setting process. The major assumptions upon which the water pro forma's numbers are based are as follows:

- The Sewer and Water Advisory Board recommended a five percent increase in water rates for 2025.
 - Growth of the water system (i.e., water sales) is projected to be one percent annually throughout the pro forma period.
 - Interest rates on investments of revenues and reserves are projected to grow by one percent annually.
 - Included in the operations and maintenance budget for 2025 is just under \$12.4 million for payment of pro rata.
 - Proposed new debt is issued both in the form of general obligation bonds at an assumed interest rate of five percent, and loans from the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account at an assumed interest rate of three percent.
 - The Division of Water's pro forma statement assumes that all general obligation debt will be issued in the first-half of any given year, such that half of the interest expense is due in the issuance year, and the first principal payment is due in a future year.
 - A portion of the costs associated with the Public Utilities Director's Office is borne by the water enterprise operating fund. In 2025, \$23.8 million is allocated in this fund for this purpose.
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WATER ENTERPRISE FUND												
PRO FORMA OPERATING STATEMENT (000's omitted)												
	Actual 2023	Estimated 2024	Proposed 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Revenue												
Water Sales	\$ 218,874	\$ 225,942	\$ 243,266	\$ 245,583	\$ 264,087	\$ 286,640	\$ 314,000	\$ 347,127	\$ 383,749	\$ 424,235	\$ 464,728	\$ 504,416
Water Sales Increase	-	-	14,191	14,326	17,606	21,498	26,167	28,927	31,979	31,818	30,982	29,424
Investment Earnings	6,722	9,127	3,948	3,948	3,988	4,028	4,068	4,109	4,150	4,191	4,233	4,275
System Capacity Charges	7,656	7,992	7,851	7,851	7,930	8,009	8,089	8,170	8,252	8,334	8,417	8,502
CUBS Billing Charges	4,417	4,312	2,201	2,201	2,311	2,427	2,548	2,676	2,810	2,950	3,098	3,252
Penalties	2,476	2,089	1,718	1,718	1,752	1,787	1,823	1,860	1,897	1,935	1,973	2,013
Meter Service Fees	1,119	1,048	952	952	962	971	981	991	1,001	1,011	1,021	1,031
Other	1,983	2,893	1,109	1,109	1,115	1,121	1,126	1,132	1,137	1,143	1,149	1,155
Debt Refinancing	-	149	-	150	-	151	-	152	-	152	-	153
Total Revenue	243,246	253,552	275,237	277,839	299,751	326,632	358,803	395,143	434,974	475,769	515,601	554,221
Beginning Fund Balance	199,783	215,611	208,387	172,415	180,875	184,358	197,027	206,580	220,493	200,829	196,256	218,786
Total Resources	443,029	469,163	483,624	450,254	480,626	510,990	555,829	601,723	655,468	676,597	711,857	773,007
Operating Expenses												
Personnel Services	34,266	39,233	44,409	39,536	39,932	40,331	40,734	41,142	41,553	41,969	42,388	42,812
Health Insurance	6,592	7,815	9,985	10,484	11,009	11,559	12,137	12,744	13,381	14,050	14,753	15,490
Supplies & Materials	29,880	35,128	38,482	35,635	39,199	43,119	47,430	52,173	57,391	63,130	69,443	76,387
Pro Rata	10,320	11,829	12,386	12,496	13,489	14,692	16,146	17,775	19,574	21,403	23,202	24,933
Contractual Services	29,517	35,953	38,759	31,404	32,346	33,316	34,315	35,345	36,405	37,497	38,622	39,781
Other	65	55	53	39	39	40	40	40	40	40	41	41
Equipment	1,363	3,872	3,933	3,379	3,717	4,088	4,497	4,947	5,441	5,985	6,584	7,242
Department of Public Utilities Allocation	12,534	17,101	23,781	14,155	14,580	15,017	15,468	15,932	16,410	16,902	17,409	17,931
Residuals	-	5,000	25,243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Water Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,750	26,523	27,318	28,138
Total Operating Expenses	124,538	155,985	197,031	147,128	154,309	162,161	170,768	205,097	215,945	227,499	239,760	252,756
Debt Service												
Principal and Interest (General Obligation/WSRLP Loan Debt)	102,732	104,142	110,156	104,884	109,714	108,574	106,473	95,391	96,710	90,215	79,023	79,163
Proposed New Debt	-	-	3,672	17,016	31,895	42,879	71,658	80,392	141,634	162,278	173,938	177,812
Fiscal Notes and Charges	147,509	649	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Total Debt Service	102,880	104,791	114,178	122,250	141,959	151,802	178,481	176,133	238,694	252,843	253,311	257,326
Total Expenses	227,418	260,776	311,209	269,379	296,268	313,963	349,249	381,230	454,639	480,342	493,071	510,081
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 215,611	\$ 208,387	\$ 172,415	\$ 180,875	\$ 184,358	\$ 197,027	\$ 206,580	\$ 220,493	\$ 200,829	\$ 196,256	\$ 218,786	\$ 262,926

Storm Sewer Maintenance Fund

The storm sewer maintenance fund is used by the city to account for all financial activity related to the operation of the storm sewer enterprise. The city has a separate storm sewerage system, as well as a combined system that also handles sanitary sewage. Revenues consist primarily of user charges.

Prior to 1993, the storm sewer maintenance special revenue fund was used only to reimburse the sanitary operating fund for stormwater management expenses. No expenditures were made directly out of this fund. This arrangement changed in 1993, when the storm sewer maintenance fund became the operating fund for stormwater management engineering and design, although the sanitary fund is still reimbursed for some storm sewer maintenance expenses.

2025 Cash Balance Statement

A 2025 beginning year cash balance of \$53.3 million is projected for this fund, which includes a \$9.0 million reserve balance.

2025 Storm Sewer Maintenance Fund	
Balance Summary	
Unencumbered Cash Balance (January 1, 2025)	\$ 53,276,915
Plus Estimated 2025 Receipts	<u>50,051,294</u>
Total Estimated Available Resources	\$ 103,328,209
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Storm Sewer)	(44,634,309)
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget (Administration)	(6,971,742)
Projected Available Balance (December 31, 2025)	<u><u>\$ 51,722,158</u></u>

2025 Revenue Summary

Storm sewer maintenance fees provide the vast majority of revenues to this fund. In August 1995, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage implemented a new fee structure based on the impervious area of a given property, which directly relates to stormwater runoff into the storm drainage system. The stormwater service fee is based upon an equitable and consistent rate system, defined in equivalent residential units (ERU), where one ERU equals 2,000 square feet of impervious area.

In 2011, there was no increase to the stormwater fee as it was determined that sufficient revenues were being generated under the current fee structure. In 2012, the Sewer and Water Advisory Board voted to decrease the fee by two percent. In 2013, the fee structure remained unchanged. In 2024, however, the board recommended a one percent increase to continue into 2025.

2025 Storm Sewer Maintenance Fund Revenue by Source and Year Historical and Projected				
Revenue Summary	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Estimated	2025 Proposed
Storm Maintenance Fees	\$ 45,653,450	\$ 46,487,739	\$ 47,168,834	\$ 48,985,772
Investment Earnings	605,213	1,667,446	2,457,174	729,937
Other Revenue	7,803	17,510	62,055	22,095
Penalties	509,310	466,910	482,727	313,490
Cash Balance	38,687,937	42,557,834	51,984,885	53,276,915
Total Resources	\$ 85,463,713	\$ 91,197,439	\$ 102,155,675	\$ 103,328,209
Percent Change		6.71%	12.02%	1.15%

Storm Sewer Maintenance Fund

Pro Forma Operating Statement

- The storm sewer maintenance pro forma operating statement assumes a one percent increase to the storm sewer maintenance fee in 2025. This increase will fund additional costs to mitigate stormwater issues in neighborhoods and to maintain new green infrastructure.
- Proposed new debt is issued both in the form of general obligation bonds at an assumed interest rate of 5 percent, and loans from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund at an assumed interest rate of 2.5 percent.
- A portion of the costs associated with the Public Utilities Director's Office is borne by the storm sewer enterprise operating fund. In 2025, \$7 million is allocated in this fund for this purpose.

STORM SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
PRO FORMA OPERATING STATEMENT (000's omitted)

	Actual 2023	Estimated 2024	Proposed 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Revenue												
Storm Maintenance Service Charges	\$ 46,488	\$ 47,169	\$ 48,581	\$ 49,287	\$ 50,558	\$ 51,840	\$ 53,698	\$ 55,573	\$ 58,130	\$ 60,712	\$ 63,414	\$ 65,659
Rate Increase (Decrease)	-	-	405	821	843	1,296	1,342	1,852	1,938	2,024	1,585	1,094
Investment Earnings	1,667	2,457	730	766	805	845	887	932	978	1,027	1,078	1,132
Storm Sewer Maintenance Penalties	467	483	313	329	346	363	381	400	420	441	463	486
Other Revenues	18	62	22	23	24	26	27	28	30	31	33	34
Total Revenue	48,640	50,171	50,051	51,227	52,575	54,369	56,335	58,785	61,496	64,235	66,574	68,407
Beginning Fund Balance	42,558	51,985	53,277	51,722	50,923	47,153	42,606	37,356	31,290	25,447	20,323	12,917
Total Resources	91,197	102,156	103,328	102,949	103,498	101,522	98,942	96,141	92,785	89,682	86,897	81,324
Operating Expenses												
Personnel Services	1,905	1,995	2,386	2,024	2,045	2,065	2,086	2,107	2,128	2,149	2,171	2,192
Health Insurance	326	371	514	426	430	434	438	443	447	452	456	461
Supplies & Materials	100	175	141	110	143	186	241	314	408	530	546	563
Pro Rata	2,105	2,291	2,229	2,305	2,366	2,447	2,535	2,645	2,767	2,891	2,996	3,078
Contractual Services	1,634	1,696	1,999	1,915	2,183	2,488	2,837	3,234	3,686	4,203	4,791	5,462
Other	-	20	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Equipment	-	87	105	70	72	75	77	79	81	84	86	89
Reimbursement to Sanitary Enterprise	3,270	9,500	9,785	9,575	9,862	10,158	10,462	10,776	11,100	11,433	11,776	12,129
Department of Public Utilities Allocation	3,576	4,970	6,972	5,490	5,765	6,053	6,356	6,673	7,007	7,357	7,725	8,112
Department of Technology Allocation	1,650	2,174	2,202	1,919	2,015	2,115	2,221	2,332	2,449	2,571	2,700	2,835
Street Cleaning	10,992	11,611	11,959	11,443	11,900	12,376	12,871	13,386	13,922	14,478	15,058	15,660
Total Operating Expenses	25,559	34,891	38,312	35,297	36,801	38,418	40,146	42,011	44,017	46,169	48,326	50,601
Debt Service												
General Obligation	13,179	13,373	12,320	11,109	8,729	7,852	7,070	7,377	6,639	5,079	4,742	3,838
OWDA Debt (Loan)	427	604	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774
Proposed New Debt	-	-	-	85	455	975	1,563	1,921	2,380	3,048	4,329	4,854
Proposed New Debt (Loan)	-	-	-	4,562	9,387	10,697	11,833	12,569	13,329	14,089	15,609	16,368
Fiscal Charges	48	12	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Total Debt Service	13,653	13,988	13,294	16,729	19,544	20,499	21,440	22,841	23,322	23,189	25,654	26,035
Total Expenses	39,213	48,879	51,606	52,026	56,345	58,916	61,586	64,852	67,339	69,358	73,980	76,636
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 51,985	\$ 53,277	\$ 51,722	\$ 50,923	\$ 47,153	\$ 42,606	\$ 37,356	\$ 31,290	\$ 25,447	\$ 20,323	\$ 12,917	\$ 4,688

Mobility Enterprise Fund



The mobility enterprise fund supports the Division of Mobility and Parking Services, a division of the Department of Public Service that is responsible for the administration, enforcement, operations, and management of both on-street and off-street public parking in the City of Columbus. The division is separated into five different sections including the Business Office, Enforcement, Meter Operations, Garage Operations, and Policies and Strategies. In addition, fund revenues are being used for several significant expansions including new off-street parking assets (garages) and the shared mobility programs. The mobility enterprise fund is responsible for providing a high-quality parking experience in the City of Columbus by holistically managing on-street and off-street parking assets under one system to increase access in high-demand parking areas across the city.

2025 Cash Balance Statement

At the beginning of 2025, there is a projected cash balance of \$11.6 million. The fund anticipates \$23.5 million in revenues, including fees for all on-street and off-street parking, as well as revenues for all tickets and fines issued. Expenditures are estimated at \$27,199,173, resulting in a projected closing balance of \$7,983,911.

2025 Mobility Enterprise Fund	
Balance Summary	
Unencumbered Cash Balance (January 1, 2025)	\$ 11,573,084
Plus Estimated 2025 Receipts	23,460,000
Plus Estimated Encumbrance Cancellations	<u>150,000</u>
Total Estimated Available Resources	\$ 35,183,084
Less 2025 Recommended Operating Budget	(27,199,173)
Projected Available Balance (December 31, 2025)	<u>\$ 7,983,911</u>

2025 Revenue Summary

In 2025, \$23.5 million of revenues reported on the following page will support the mobility enterprise fund, of which, \$6.8 million will be supported by parking garage revenues, \$6 million will be supported by parking violations fines, and \$10.6 million will be supported by on-street parking assets.

2025 Mobility Enterprise Fund Revenue by Source and Year Historical and Projected				
Revenue Summary	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Estimated	2025 Proposed
Investment Earnings	\$ 205,203	\$ 562,471	\$ 800,000	\$ 816,000
Parking Space Revenue	8,592,091	9,248,848	9,290,000	9,169,800
Off-Street Parking	2,698,251	6,482,348	6,740,000	6,834,000
Parking Violations Fines	5,750,007	6,711,040	7,010,000	6,018,000
Residential Permits	386,998	400,667	450,000	459,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,851,401	590,052	160,000	163,200
Encumbrance Cancellations	-	259,482	1,000,000	150,000
Unencumbered Cash Balance	-	7,221,756	10,816,525	11,573,084
Total Resources	\$25,483,949	\$ 31,476,664	\$36,266,525	\$35,183,084
Percent Change		23.52%	15.22%	-2.99%

Mobility Enterprise Fund

Pro Forma Operating Statement

- The mobility enterprise fund absorbs all revenues related to parking, including all fines and fees. Additionally, this fund is responsible for the principal, interest, and all finance charges related to issuing debt for the parking garages.
- In 2026 and all years after, personnel charges are estimated to increase by five percent annually.
- Interest for year 2025 is based on current market conditions associated with the issuance of a one-year note. For years 2026 and beyond, interest charges are estimated based on the issuance of a similar note.
- Fiscal charges related to the service of debt for all years are estimated to be \$75,000.

Mobility Enterprise Fund PRO FORMA OPERATING STATEMENT												
	Actual 2023	Estimated 2024	Proposed 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Revenue												
Off-Street Parking	\$ 6,482,348	\$ 6,740,000	\$ 6,834,000	\$ 6,970,680	\$ 7,110,094	\$ 7,252,295	\$ 7,397,341	\$ 7,545,288	\$ 7,696,194	\$ 7,850,118	\$ 8,007,120	\$ 8,167,263
Parking Violations and Fines	6,711,040	7,010,000	6,018,000	6,138,360	6,261,127	6,386,350	6,514,077	6,644,358	6,777,245	6,912,790	7,051,046	7,192,067
On-Street Parking	10,802,038	10,700,000	10,608,000	10,820,160	11,036,563	11,257,294	11,482,440	11,712,089	11,946,331	12,185,258	12,428,963	12,677,542
Total Revenue	23,995,426	24,450,000	23,460,000	23,929,200	24,407,784	24,895,940	25,393,858	25,901,736	26,419,770	26,948,166	27,487,129	28,036,872
Beginning Fund Balance	7,221,756	10,816,525	11,573,084	7,983,911	3,561,645	(815,064)	(6,101,088)	(11,366,093)	(17,623,323)	(23,887,757)	(31,234,615)	(38,621,007)
Encumbrance Cancellations	259,482	1,000,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total Resources	31,476,664	36,266,525	35,183,084	32,063,111	28,119,429	24,230,875	19,442,771	14,685,643	8,946,448	3,210,409	(3,597,485)	(10,434,136)
Operating Expenses												
Director's office	923,707	1,319,053	1,804,389	1,894,608	1,989,339	2,088,806	2,193,246	2,302,908	2,418,054	2,538,957	2,665,904	2,799,200
Personnel	4,000,901	4,778,736	6,208,924	6,519,370	6,845,339	7,187,606	7,546,986	7,924,335	8,320,552	8,736,580	9,173,409	9,632,079
Materials & Supplies	78,224	129,677	226,000	232,780	239,763	246,956	254,365	261,996	269,856	277,951	286,290	294,879
Services	11,277,291	13,467,970	14,827,616	15,717,273	15,717,273	16,660,309	16,660,309	17,659,928	17,659,928	18,719,524	18,719,524	19,842,695
Other	31,500	193,000	53,000	54,590	56,228	57,915	59,652	61,442	63,285	65,183	67,139	69,153
Capital	73,446	80,005	120,000	123,600	127,308	131,127	135,061	139,113	143,286	147,585	152,012	156,573
Principal	2,390,000	2,500,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000	2,135,000
Interest	1,885,071	2,150,000	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244	1,749,244
Fiscal Charges	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Total Operating Expenses	20,660,139	24,693,441	27,199,173	28,501,466	28,934,494	30,331,963	30,808,863	32,308,966	32,834,205	34,445,023	35,023,522	36,753,822
Ending Fund Balance	\$10,816,525	\$11,573,084	\$ 7,983,911	\$3,561,645	\$ (815,064)	\$(6,101,088)	\$(11,366,093)	\$(17,623,323)	\$(23,887,757)	\$(31,234,615)	\$(38,621,007)	\$(47,187,958)