

Capital Projects, Community Impacts

The City's Capital Improvement Budget is more than just numbers — it funds real projects that enhance mobility, safety, sustainability, and quality of life.

Here's how this year's investments are shaping our community:

Carpinteria Community Pool



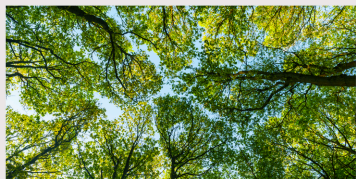
Investment: \$1,070,000

Current Year: \$70,000

Useful life: 50 years

Improvements include upgrades to building systems, such as electrical, mechanical, and plumbing, as well as remodeling work.

Franklin Creek Trail Improvement Project



Investment: \$2,075,500

Current Year: \$429,000

Useful life: 50 years

Improvements include accessible surfacing and adjacent accessibility connection improvements along east side Carpinteria Avenue and Seventh street.

Carpinteria Avenue Bridge Replacement Project



Investment: \$15,345,000

Current Year: \$6,801,500

Useful life: 100 years

Improvements include replacement of bridge over creek, improving the roadway including pedestrian facilities, and restoring riparian areas.

More Capital Improvement Projects on the Horizon

- Rincon Multi-Use Trail
- Bluffs II Trail
- Linden Beach-End
- Community Pool
- Library Improvements
- Pavement Rehab 2023
- Linden Ave Improvements
- Carpinteria High School
- Crosswalk Safety Improvements

Learn more about these projects by visiting carpinteriaca.gov/budget (page 136)

As we plan for the future, we remain focused on fiscal responsibility and delivering services that reflect your priorities. Your voice matters — help shape our next budget by participating in upcoming community forums.



Join us at our Mid-Year Budget Review Overview
City Council Meeting
Second Meeting in February 2026, 5:30 PM



City of Carpinteria Budget Brief Fiscal Year 2025/26

City services by the numbers 2024/25

71,280
patrons served at
the Library

24,627
admissions at the
Carpinteria
Community Pool

2,586
GoGov service
requests fulfilled

1,566
business licenses
renewed & issued

351
development
permits issued
(34% increase
from 23/24)

The City of Carpinteria's two-year Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27 was adopted on June 23, 2025. This new two-year budget approach reflects our commitment to long-term planning, financial stability, and transparency —especially during this milestone year celebrating Carpinteria's 60th anniversary.

Despite rising costs and economic uncertainty, the City has maintained a balanced budget by focusing on essential services, conservative financial practices, and maintaining healthy reserves.

This brief provides a high-level overview of budget priorities, challenges, and strategic investments that align with the City Council's four primary goals for FY 2025–2026:

City Council's Strategic Goals (FY 2025-27)

1. Enhance public outreach, education, and transparency
2. Maintain Carpinteria's small beachside town character
3. Enhance quality of life for residents
4. Maintain fiscal sustainability of the City

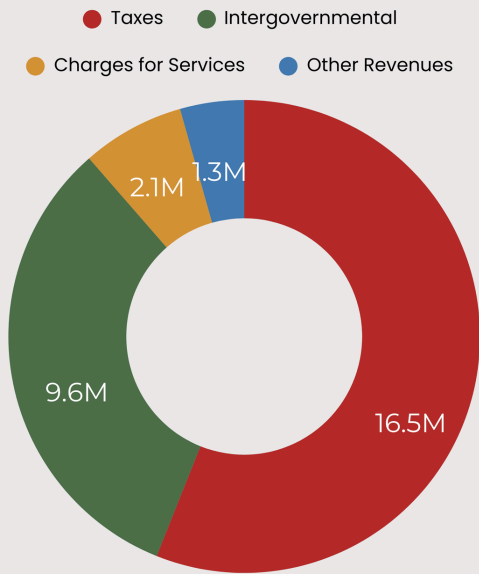
These goals guide how resources are allocated and how City departments set priorities.

Complete budget documents are
available for viewing and downloading
on the City's website at
carpinteriaca.gov/budget



Citywide Numbers at a Glance

Where the money comes from, and where it goes: The graphs below show how the City brings in revenue and how those funds are spent. From taxes to capital projects, each category plays a role in delivering services and supporting the community.



Revenues

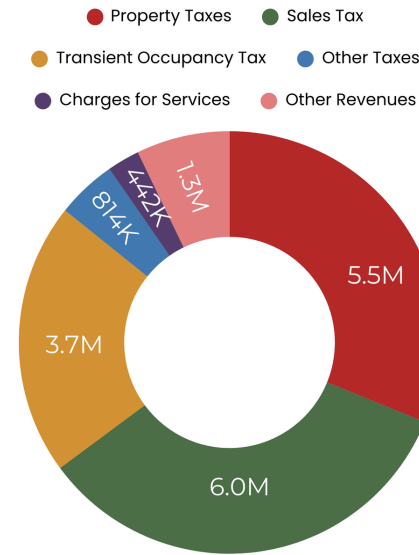
Total \$29,402,200

- **Taxes:** Largest revenue source—mainly property, sales, and transient occupancy taxes—making up over half of total revenues.
- **Intergovernmental:** Key funding from federal, state, and regional sources, mostly for capital projects and planning.
- **Service Charges:** Fees for recreation, public works, and other services that offset program costs.
- **Other Revenues:** Includes interest, permits, assessments, fines, and miscellaneous income.

General Fund & Measure X

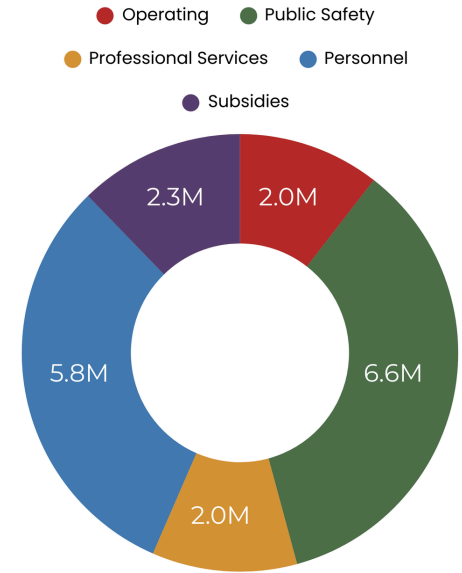
Revenues

Total \$17,745,150



Expenditures

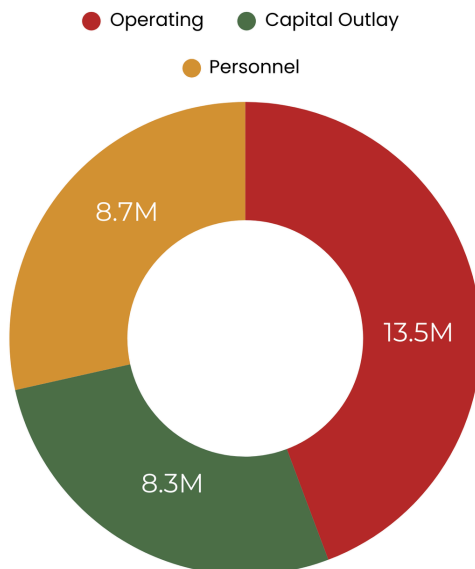
Total \$18,584,550



Top 3 Expenditures

Total \$30,464,575

- **Operating:** Public safety contracts, professional services, utilities, and other daily expenses.
- **Personnel:** Wages, benefits, and other staff related costs.
- **Capital Outlay:** Major investments in infrastructure, facilities, and equipment, mostly grant-funded.



The City's General Fund helps pay for essential programs and services like parks, recreation, and the library. However, rising costs mean expenses are now outpacing revenues. To continue providing the same level of services, we'll need to increase revenues through efforts like the proposed landscape district and other initiatives that have not been updated in many years. **Based on past and current trends, due to increasing costs and declining fund balances, as illustrated below, the City may need to make difficult cuts starting in FY 2027-28.**

