How much will it cost and how will it be funded?

Once the level of service and all of the strategies are known, the question “How much will it cost and how will it be funded?” can be answered. The plan should show what the unconstrained needs are and how all needs could be funded. Funding alternatives would range from pay-as-you-go to debt financing. Once a funding option and budget limit are set a constrained plan can be developed which indicates what the unfunded backlog is and what will happen to the backlog (grow/shrink) over the life of the plan.