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February 25, 2022

The Honorable Calvin Ball
County Executive of Howard County
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

RE: Planning Board Recommendations on the FY2023 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Dear Dr. Ball:

The Planning Board has reviewed the County's proposed FY2023 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program representing departmental project requests prior to Executive Branch review. A public hearing was held February 17, and the Board's work session immediately followed the public hearing. The Board evaluated comments provided by citizens and department representatives to develop its recommendations. The attached chart provides recommendations on all new or substantially changed projects.

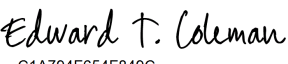
The criteria used in making these recommendations are based on the relationship of the project to *PlanHoward 2030*. Projects ranked as **High Priority (H)** are consistent with the General Plan and address health, safety, land acquisition, cost share, multi-policy implementation, or regulatory compliance and therefore warrant timely action; **Medium Priority (M)** projects are consistent with the General Plan and relate to systemic maintenance needs which warrant implementation if funding is available; and **Low Priority (L)** projects are consistent with the General Plan and address quality of life or administrative enhancements and therefore project deferral would not detrimentally affect County infrastructure, public safety or services.

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the projects as prioritized to be added to the County Executive's proposed FY2023 Capital Improvements Budget, with the following additional comment:

The Planning Board recognizes the need for early childhood education centers in the County. While we listed the priority as medium, we urge the County Executive and Council to consider accelerating this project (E-1054) or other similar projects.

We hope you find our recommendations useful in your deliberations on the budget and appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

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Ed Coleman, Chairperson
Howard County Planning Board

Attachment

cc: Opel Jones, Council Chair
Christiana Mercer Rigby, Council Vice Chair
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Liz Walsh, Council Member
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**Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Budget
New and Substantially Changed Projects**
Planning Board Recommendation to County Executive (February 25, 2022)

Proj. Type	Proj. Num.	Name	Start Date	Total Amount (\$000)	Appropriation Prior Total	Appropriated % Prior	Amount(\$000)	Prop. FY23	Prop. Total %	FY23 Pay Go Funds	FY23 Bond Funds	FY23 Grant Funds	FY23 Other Funds	Consistent w/ PH 2030	PB Priority	DPZ Comments
General County																
C	0367	FY2023 FEDERAL or STATE GRANT FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS	2023	20,000	0	0%	20,000	100%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 8.18 a, b; Policy 10.1; Policy 10.5	H	High priority for health and safety using American Rescue Plan Act and funding to support facility/infrastructure projects.
Storm Drainage																
D	1183	FY2023 VULNERABLE WATERSHED RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY	2023	5,000	0	0%	1,400	28%	0	150	1,250	0	0	Policy 3.3a; Policy 3.8, Policy 8.7 ; Policy 10 a, b, and c	H	High priority for the assessment, design and construction of drainage infrastructure and possible land/easement acquisitions to perform the restoration improvements in vulnerable watersheds.
Education																
E	1053	OAKLAND MILLS HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION	2026	110,000	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; 8.18 a; Policy 8.8 c and e	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes the renovation of the existing school facility.
E	1054	REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	2031	3,827	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; 8.18 a; Policy 8.8 e	M	Medium priority for program enhancements that includes a Regional Early Childhood Center to be located at an existing or new school facility, which will repurpose approximately 15-20 elementary classrooms for additional capacity
E	1055	NORTHERN REGIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION	2032	745	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; 8.18 a; Policy 8.8 c and e	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes an addition to the existing school facility.
E	1056	PATAPSCO MS RENOVATION/ADDITION	2032	4,216	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; 8.18 a; Policy 8.8 c and e	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes the renovation and expansion of the existing school facility.
E	1057	JEFFERS HILL ELEM SCHOOL RENOVATION	2032	2,040	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; 8.18 a; Policy 8.8 c and e	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes the renovation of the existing school facility.

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Fire																
	F	5977	REPLACEMENT FIRE STATION 7	2024	20,000	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 8.18 a; 8.16 a	H	High Priority for facility improvements for the replacement of Fire Station 7 (Banneker) in Columbia.
Recreation and Parks																
	N	3979	FY2023 SHIPLEY PARK	2023	267	0	0%	267	100%	0	67	200	0	Policy 8.13; 8.18 a, b	L	Low Priority for quality of life or facility/program enhancements to master plan, design, and construct a community park in Marriottsville.
Water																
	W	8336	FY2023 LONGFELLOW AREA WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS	2023	15,000	0	0%	8,000	53%	0	8,000	0	0	Policy 8.4, 10.1a	H	Medium priority for general maintenance that includes the design and construction of water main improvements within the Longfellow area.

Column Reference Guide

<p>General priority based on the following:</p> <p>H = Highest Priority (Human and Environmental Health/Safety Concerns; Land Acquisition; Cost Share; PlanHoward 2030 Multi-Policy Implementation/or Regulatory Compliance)</p> <p>M = Medium Priority (General Maintenance/Upkeep and Prevention)</p> <p>L = Lowest Priority (Quality of Life or Program/Administrative Enhancements)</p>	<p>Funding type based on the following classification:</p> <p>Pay Go: General Fund Cash On A Year To Year Basis</p> <p>Bond: General Obligation Or Short Term Instruments (part of affordability calculation)</p> <p>Grant: State or Federal Monies</p> <p>Other: Includes Excise Tax, Transfer Tax, Utility Cash, In-Aid of Construction, Storm Drain, State Aid, Metro District Bond, Developer Contribution and Funding Defined As "Other" In Capital Budget Detail, Fiscal Year 2023</p>	<p>This staff report includes new projects. A complete list of projects can be referred to in the Extended Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Budget Program.</p>
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