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The Honorable Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive of Howard County
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RE: Planning Board Recommendation: Capital Project C0352 Site Acquisition for School Sites and Elevated Water Storage Facilities

The Planning Board has reviewed project C0352 proposed for the FY 2017 Capital Budget and Ten Year Capital Improvement Master Plan (CIMP). A public hearing on the budget item was held on May 5, 2016 during which testimony from the Department of Public Works and residents was presented to the Board.

The Planning Board's work session followed the public meeting. The Board, in its analysis, evaluated all received citizen comments along with department representative input to develop the Board's recommendations. Two members of the public spoke at the meeting, both in opposition to the project, proposing an alternative location in the Route 1 corridor for new school facilities. During work session the Board discussed the need for additional schools in the area and the scarcity of suitable land available. The Board recommended approval of the project at a **High Priority** for site acquisition finding it consistent with the General Plan. The recommendations are submitted in the attached chart for new and substantially changed projects. The chart reflects both the Planning Board's and Department of Planning and Zoning's recommendations for the project.

We hope you find our recommendations useful in your deliberations on the budget and as always, we are available to further assist you if so requested. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

Bill Santos, Chairperson
Howard County Planning Board

Attachment

cc: Dr. Calvin Ball, Chairperson, County Council
Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson, County Council
Jen Terrasa, County Council Member
Mary Kay Sigaty, County Council Member
Planning Board Members
B. Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff
Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer
Holly Sun, Budget Administrator
Valdis Lazdins, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
Jim Irvin, Director, Department of Public Works
Dr. Renee A. Foose, Superintendent, Howard County Public School System

**Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget
New and Substantially Changed Projects**
Planning Board Recommendations to County Executive (May 19, 2016)

Proj Type	Proj Num	Name	Start Date	Total Amount (\$000)	Appropriation Prior Total	Appropriated Y Prior	Amount (\$000)	Prop. FY17	Prop. Total %	FY17 Pay Go Funds	FY17 Bond Funds	FY17 Grant Funds	FY17 Other Funds	Consistent w/ FY17-2020	DPZ Priority	Comment	PB Priority	PB Comments	
General County																			
	C	352	SITE ACQUISITION FOR SCHOOL SITES AND ELEVATED WATER STORAGE FACILITIES	2017	24,500	0	0%	15,750	64%	0	5,500	0	3,250	Policy 6.2a, 8.8d	H	2 -	H	High priority for land acquisition and need for public facility infrastructure. Consistent with the General Plan.	
Column Reference Guide																			
<p>General priority based on the following:</p> <p>H = Highest Priority (Health/Safety Concerns/Land Acquisition)</p> <p>M = Moderate 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 2017</p>					<p>This staff report includes new and modified projects. A complete list of projects can be referred to in the <i>Extended Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget Program</i>.</p>				