



# Howard County Council

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## Capital Budget Work Session #2 Meeting Minutes – Approved

Web-based Hybrid Meeting (in person and virtual via WebEx)  
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>  
Friday, April 21, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

Chair Rigby opened the meeting at 9:33am.

**Members Present:** Christiana Rigby, Chairperson; Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson; Liz Walsh; Opel Jones (virtual); and David Yungmann.

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; Jeff Meyers, Legislative Analyst; Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant; Patricia Hammond, Administrative Support; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; and Owen Clark, Deputy County Auditor.

**Administration Staff Present:** Noted below.

### Agenda:

#### **Recreation and Parks**

The Department of Recreation and Parks gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on the Patuxent Branch Trail project; stream restoration projects and what happens when projects encroach on property; the status of the Western Regional Park Pickle Ball court; the parkland acquisition fund and short and long term goals for parkland acquisition; the difference between the acquisition fund and the systematic improvement fund; ways to bring more recreation activities into Wilde Lake, Harper's Choice, and Downtown Columbia; transportation options and programming options for middle and high schoolers looking for recreation activities; parking at Cedar Lane Park; the process for appraisals and offer letters; public investment in preserving properties that have a history of slavery; concrete used for park paving; the potential for use at the Flier Building; parking at Patuxent State Park trail heads; and the renovations at the Robinson Nature Center.

#### *Council Requested:*

- *Please provide plans for establishing a recreation center that offers activities and a place for kids to hang out in the Harpers Farm and Wilde Lake area.*

- *N3978 - Please provide plans for the Longwood property.*
- *Other - Please indicate if there is anything you can do to encourage the State to provide parking at the Patuxent trail heads.*
- *N3960 - Please provide renderings and concepts for the proposed amphitheater at Robinson Nature Center.*
- *Plans to address parking at Cedar Lane Park.*

## **Public Works Storm Drainage**

The Department of Public Works gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 storm drainage capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on the High Ridge drainage project and the needed right of way; plans to “green our streets” with pervious paving, micro-bio retention, and other strategies; the overarching strategy for storm water management in the County, particularly as it relates to responsive projects versus proactive projects and how to deal with quantity of stormwater; and stream restoration.

## **Public Works Road Construction**

The Department of Public Works gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 road construction capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on a potential parking garage and the existing park and ride in Clarksville; default road width; drainage improvement projects on Church Road; the current status of Marriottsville Road improvements; the current status of road replacement from Washington Boulevard in Elkridge, including plans for property acquisition; the possibility of grant funding for historic Elkridge because it is in the BWI footprint; and the current status of a road project at Hannover and Hi Tech Road.

### *Council Requested:*

- *Please investigate potential grants or funding for Elkridge via its placement in the BWI footprint.*

## **Public Works Road Resurfacing**

The Department of Public Works gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 road resurfacing capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on the method the County prioritizes road resurfacing via preventative maintenance, specifically the 0 to 100 scale used to grade roads; the cost of asphalt and how it affects the County’s ability to resurface roads; the decision making process for choosing which roads to resurface; the number of lane miles of road in the County and how road sections are defined; the long term strategy for addressing road resurfacing before the road becomes unusable; hot in place and cold in place asphalt resurfacing, including current projects and use in other counties; how the Department is addressing dead trees and the plan for replanting; and vacancies of employment in DPW.

### *Council Requested:*

- *Request for a list of openings at DPW so that the Council can share with Council Members networks.*

## **Public Works Bridges**

The Department of Public Works gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 bridge capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on the Pindell School Bridge; and funding for systemic structure improvements.

## **Sidewalk**

The Department of Public Works gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 sidewalk capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on walk zones around schools and what is being done to improve connections for school kids; change in State law to allow flexibility on placement of speed bumps and speed cameras; the status of a project in Owen Brown; the status of Patuxent Branch Trail paving; the status of projects on Cedar Lane and in Skaggsville; and the funding for bike network projects.

*Council Requested:*

- *K5036 - Please provide the graphic showing the sidewalk connections on Jerrys Drive.*

## **Traffic / Intersection Improvements**

The Department of Public Works gave an overview of its proposed FY2024 traffic and intersection improvement capital projects. The Department responded to questions from the Council on the Patuxent Branch Trail extension; BWI sound mitigation; and naming a trail for Jane Dembner.

*Council Requested:*

- *J4231 - Please provide more details related to the Elkridge Main Street project.*

Chair Rigby adjourned the meeting at 12:33pm.

#### **4/21/2023 CIP Work Session Attendee List:**

##### **Budget**

Holly Sun  
Brook Mamo

##### **DPW**

Yosef Kebede  
John Seefried  
Susan Voyce

##### **Finance**

Rafiu Ighile  
Angie Price  
John Vu

##### **Recreation and Parks**

Raul Delorme  
Nicola Morgal  
Bob Linz  
Bryan Moody  
Brenda Mercado  
Jason Thompson  
Scott Munroe.

##### **Storm Drainage**

Abdul Akbari  
Amah Binde  
Marshall Davidson  
Kris Singleton  
Yuqiong Bai  
Kareem Abdelazim  
Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach  
Mark Deluca  
Mark Richmond

##### **Road Construction**

Abdul Akbari  
Amah Binde

Prasoon Shrestha  
Kareem Abdelazim  
Yuqiong Bai  
Caitlin Kovel  
Kris Singleton  
Jacob Taylor  
Marshall Davidson  
Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach

##### **Road Resurfacing**

Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach

##### **Bridge, Sidewalk / Curb**

Abdul Akbari  
Amah Binde  
Prasoon Shrestha  
Kris Singleton  
Marshall Davidson  
Kareem Abdelazim  
Yuqiong Bai  
Christopher Eatough (OOT)  
David Cookson  
Bruce Gartner  
Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach

##### **Intersection Improvements**

Jennifer Woo  
Kris Jagarapu  
Chris Eatough  
David Cookson  
Bruce Gartner  
Kris Singleton  
Caitlin Kovel

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