



# PLANNING BOARD

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Calvin Ball, County Executive

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February 25, 2026

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

RE: Planning Board Recommendations on the County’s Proposed New Projects in the FY 2027 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Dear Dr. Ball:

The Planning Board reviewed the County's proposed New Projects in the FY2027 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program representing departmental requests prior to Executive’s review. A public hearing was held February 19, 2026, and the Board’s work session immediately followed. At this hearing no public testified regarding these projects. The Board heard presentations regarding the seven (7) proposed new capital projects provided by County department representatives. The Planning Board discussed how each supported, maintained, and enhanced the County’s infrastructure and aligned with the policies in the County’s General Plan, HoCo By Design.

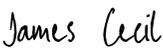
**On February 19, 2026, the Planning Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend the seven (7) proposed new projects in the FY2027 Capital Budget for the inclusion in the County Executive’s FY2027 Capital Budget and provided a specific comment on the following project:**

**J4254-FY2027 NORTH LAUREL COMPLETE STREETS**

- This project was strongly supported as a great example of a safety-focused project with an equity-focus that will “close the gaps” in North Laurel with roadway amenities that align with what Columbia offers.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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James Cecil, Chair  
Howard County Planning Board

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