



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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The Honorable Allan Kittleman  
County Executive of Howard County  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
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RE: Planning Board Comments on the FY 2018 Capital Budget

Dear Mr. Kittleman:

The Planning Board has reviewed the County's proposed FY 2018 Capital Budget representing departmental project requests prior to Executive Branch review. A public hearing was held February 16, 2017, with citizen testimony. The Planning 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 are ranked as **High Priority (H)** consistent with the General Plan and address health, safety, acquisition, cost share, multi-policy implementation, or regulatory compliance and, therefore, warrant timely action; **Moderate Priority (M)** consistent with the General Plan and relate to systemic maintenance needs which warrant implementation if funding is available; and **Low Priority (L)** 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.

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,



Phillips Engelke, Chairperson  
Howard County Planning Board

#### Attachment

cc: Jon Weinstein, Council Chairperson  
Calvin Ball, County Council Vice Chairperson  
Jen Terrasa, County Council Member  
Mary Kay Sigaty, County Council Member  
Greg Fox, County Council Member  
Planning Board Members  
Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff  
Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer  
Holly Sun, Budget Administrator  
Valdis Lazdins, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

**Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget  
New and Substantially Changed Projects**  
Planning Board Recommendation to County Executive (February 24, 2017)

Proj. Type	Proj. Num.	Name	Start Date	Total Amount (\$000)	Appropriation	Appropriated	% Prior	Prop. FY18 Amount(\$000)	Prop. Total %	FY18 Pay Go Funds	FY18 Bond Funds	FY18 Grant Funds	FY18 Other Funds	Consistent w/ PH 2030	DPZ Priority	Public Comment	PB Priority	PB Comments	
<b>General County</b>																			
	C	290	COURTHOUSE RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT	2003	78,880	8,880	100%	70,000	89%	0	70,000	0	0	Policy 8.18a, b	H	3-	H	High priority for maintaining adequate public facilities and regulatory compliance. Implemented through public-private partnership. Testimony included requests to explore the continued use of the historic courthouse and examine the effects of choosing a new location. Testimony also included a request to place the new facility in a more central location than the proposed Dorsey Building site. Planning Board recognizes funding is necessary to move the project forward, particularly as it is still in the early planning phases.	
	C	353	TRANSIT CENTER	2019	9,500	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 7.4b,c, 7.5d, 7.6c, 7.7e, 9.2a, e	H		H	High priority for design and transportation planning. Enhances access to transit infrastructure to reduce highway congestion, energy consumption and greenhouse gases. Implements the Downtown Columbia Plan.	
	C	355	NEW SCHOOL MAINTENANCE SITE ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION	2018	5,098	0	0%	5,098	100%	0	5,098	0	0	Policy 8.8e	M		M	Medium priority for maintaining adequate public facilities.	
	C	354	BUILDING ACCESS CONTROL AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS	2018	1,000	0	0%	1,000	100%	0	1,000	0	0	Policy 8.18a	M		M	Medium priority for maintaining adequate public facilities.	
<b>Drainage</b>																			
	D	1175	VALLEY MEDE/CHATHAM FLOOD MITIGATION	2018	6,700	0	0%	2,300	34%	0	2,300	0	0	Policy 3.3a	H	6+	H	High priority to improve drainage area stormwater management considering July 30th, 2016 flood event.	
<b>School System</b>																			
	E	1043	TALBOTT SPRINGS ELEM SCHOOL RENOVATION	2018	28,000	0	0%	3,000	11%	0	0	3,000	0	Policy 8.8a, 8.18a	MH	6+	H	Moved to High priority for renovation or replacement given the testimony and the projected enrollment data. Prioritized funding for school renovation and maintenance to enhance educational programming.	
<b>Fire and Equipment</b>																			
	F	5976	NORTH COLUMBIA FIRE STATION	2019	4,555	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 8.16a	H		H	High priority for public safety. Implements the Downtown Columbia Plan. Utilizes the same space required to implement P4928, FY2015 New Third Police Station.	

**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 = 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 2018</p>	<p>This staff report includes new and modified projects. A complete list of projects can be referred to in the Extended Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget Program.</p>
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<b>Road</b>																			
	J	4250	HOWARD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	2019	450	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 7.3a	H		H	High priority for public safety.
	J	4251	LIME KILN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	2018	10,150	0	0%	150	1%	0	150	0	0	0	Policy 7.3a	H	3 info req.	H	High priority for public safety and drainage area infrastructure. Necessary to alleviate current flood risk.
	J	4252	SYSTEMIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO ELLICOTT CITY	2018	3,200	0	0%	200	6%	0	200	0	0	0	Policy 8.18b	H	1+	H	High priority to improve/repair drainage area infrastructure. Will rebuild necessary infrastructure in Ellicott City after the July 30, 2016 flood.
<b>L</b>																			
	L	20	NEW HCLS CENTRAL BRANCH & RELOCATION	2021	975	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	Policy 8.10a, b	L		L	Low priority for out year public facilities and infrastructure. Implements the Downtown Columbia Plan.
<b>Parks</b>																			
	N	3987	PARKLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM	2018	7,300	0	0%	2,050	28%	0	0	2,000	50	0	Policy 8.12a	H	2+	H	High priority for land acquisition. Planning Board agrees with the need to reserve parkland while the opportunity is still available and recognizes that it satisfies both State and County greenway objectives.
<b>Sewer</b>																			
	S	6298	DORSEY RUN ROAD SEWER EXTENSION	2018	400	0	0%	400	100%	0	0	0	400	0	Policy 8.4a	H		H	High priority for public health.
<b>Water</b>																			
	W	8332	HERITAGE HEIGHTS WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS	2018	900	0	0%	900	100%	0	0	0	900	0	Policy 8.4, a	M		M	Medium priority for public infrastructure. Extends service to properties within the PSA.