



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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

RE: Planning Board Recommendations on the FY2021 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Dear Dr. Ball:

The Planning Board has reviewed the County's proposed FY2021 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program representing departmental project requests prior to Executive Branch review. A public hearing was held February 20, 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.

Attached is the Planning Board's recommended prioritization for project to be added to the County Executive's proposed FY2021 Capital Improvement Budget.

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

Sincerely,

Erica Roberts, Chair  
Howard County Planning Board

#### Attachment

cc: Deb Jung, Council Chair  
Liz Walsh, Council Vice-Chair  
Christiana Mercer Rigby, Council Member  
Opel Jones, Council Member  
David Yungmann, Council Member  
Sameer Sidh, Chief of Staff  
Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dr. Holly Sun, Budget Administrator  
Amy Gowan, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

**Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget  
New and Substantially Changed Projects**  
Planning Board Public Hearing (April 9, 2020)

Type	Proj. Num.	Name	Start Date	Total Amount (\$000)	Appropriation	Appropriated Prior Total	% Prior	Amount(\$000)	Prop. FY21	Prop. Total %	FY21 Pay Go	FY21 Bond	FY21 Grant	FY21 Other	Consistent w/ PH 2030	DPZ Priority	Comment	Public	PB Priority	DPZ Comments
<b>Fire and Rescue Project</b>																				
	F	5976	North Columbia Fire Station	2022	13,105	8,755	67%	3,000	23%	0	3,000	0	0	0	Policy 8.16.a	H	3+	H		High Priority for Public Health and Safety.

**Column Reference Guide**

General priority based on the following:

H = Highest Priority (Human and Environmental Health/Safety Concerns; Land Acquisition; Cost Share; PlanHoward 2030 Multi-Policy Implementation/or Regulatory Compliance)

M = Medium Priority (General Maintenance/Upkeep and Prevention)

L = Lowest Priority (Quality of Life or Program/Administrative Enhancements)

Funding type based on the following classification:

Pay Go: General Fund Cash On A Year To Year Basis

Bond: General Obligation Or Short Term Instruments (part of affordability calculation)

Grant: State or Federal Monies

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 2021

This staff report includes new projects. A complete list of projects can be referred to in the Extended Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget Program.