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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 Recommendations to County Executive (March 1, 2020)**

Type	Proj. Num.	Name	Start Date	Total Amount (\$000)	Appropriation	Appropriated Pfor Total	% Prior	Amount(\$000)	Prop. FY21	Prop. Total %	FY21 Pay Go Funds	FY21 Bond Funds	FY21 Grant Funds	FY21 Other Funds	Consistent w/ PH 2030	DPZ Priority	Comment	PB Priority	DPZ Comments
General County																			
	C	0364	NEW CULTURAL CENTER	2021	63,152	0	0%	63,152	100%	0	28,000	500	33,652	Policy 8.11, 10.3 a	H	0	H		High priority for facility/program enhancements. Supports Downtown Columbia redevelopment.
Storm Drainage																			
	D	1180	TIBER WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS	2021	1,500	0	0%	500	33%	0	500	0	0	Policy 3.8	H	0	H		High priority for public safety infrastructure in a watershed where much of the development predates current storm water management requirements. The project will design and construct varying sized drainage and stormwater management projects within the Tiber Watershed. The project is necessitated by the flood damage created during the Ellicott City storm events in 2016 and 2018. Program implements recommendations from study done under CB 56-2018.
	D	1181	PLUM TREE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS	2021	1,200	0	0%	400	33%	0	400	0	0	Policy 3.8, 10.1 a	H	0	H		High priority for public safety infrastructure. This project will design and construct varying sized drainage and stormwater management projects within the Plum Tree Watershed.
	D	1182	ORCHARD RIDGE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	2021	1,225	0	0%	575	47%	0	575	0	0	Policy 3.8, 10.1 a	M	0	M		Medium priority for environmental infrastructure improvements in the community of Orchard Ridge.
Sewer																			
	S	6299	ROCKBURN BRANCH SEWER STUDY	2023	600	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 8.4, 10.1a	L	0	L		Low priority for a study study to determine feasible options to provide sewer service to properties along Elbank Drive in Elkridge, MD.
	S	6602	LPWRP CAPITAL REPAIRS AND UPGRADES	2021	43,145	0	0%	1,500	3%	0	43,145	0	0	Policy 3.1 a, 8.4, 10.1 a	M	0	M		Medium priority for maintenance at the Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant (LPWRP).
Water																			
	W	8333	NORTH LAUREL AND SAVAGEAREA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	2021	4,000	0	0%	1,000	25%	0	4,000	0	0	Policy 8.4, 10.1 a	M	0	M		Medium priority for the design and construction of water system improvements within the North Laurel and Savage areas.
	W	8334	CLARKSVILLE ELEVATED WATER TANK	2027	5,000	0	0%	0	0%	0	5,000	0	0	Policy 8.4, 10.1 a	H	0	H		High priority for a new water storage tank and related piping to serve the Columbia and Clarksville areas.
	W	8335	ELKRIDGE WPS SUCTION LINE REPLACEMENT	2021	16,000	0	0%	1,000	6%	0	16,000	0	0	Policy 8.4, 10.1 a	M	0	M		Medium priority for maintenance

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.