

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-15**

BILL NO. 2019-15

Title of Bill: Expedited Legislation – Budget Transfer and Appropriation – Capital Budget – Roads and Bridges – Bethel Church Road Bridge Project

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads and Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$75,000 from the following completed projects: a portion of the savings from the Upgrade Nottingham Roads Facility Project (\$13,050.11), the Racine School Road Improvements Project (\$11,081.64), and the Replace Bohemia Church Road Culverts Project (\$50,868.25); to be transferred to the Rehabilitation of Bethel Church Road Bridge Project (\$75,000). The Department of Public Works is requesting the Bill be considered for expedited legislation under the Council’s Policy #5-19 as approved by Resolution No. 49-2015 due to the need to complete the project before weather related conditions impede completion.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: August 6, 2019

Public hearing scheduled on: September 3, 2019 at 7:00pm

Consideration scheduled on: ~~September 17, 2019~~ SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

By: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by (date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on (date), a public hearing was held on (date) and concluded on (date).

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1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2020; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2020; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 4, 2019, the
6 Budget for Cecil County was approved for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 Roads & Bridges Capital Projects
8 Budget to transfer the unencumbered bond revenue and expense for Cecil County, Maryland remaining
9 from the following completed Roads & Bridges Capital Project:

- 10 a) To transfer \$13,050.11 from the completed Upgrade Nottingham Road Facility Project; and
11 b) To transfer \$11,081.64 from the completed Racine School Road Improvement Project; and
12 c) To transfer \$50,868.25 from the completed Replace Bohemia Church Road Culverts Project;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation of unencumbered bond revenue and expense totaling \$75,000 is
15 requested to be transferred to the following:

- 16 a) The Rehabilitation of the Bethel Church Road Bridge Project budget requires an additional
17 \$75,000 in anticipation of increased costs for construction beyond the engineer’s estimate and
18 existing project budget. The existing project budget is not sufficient to complete the required
19 remedial maintenance work which includes: replacement of the existing concrete deck and
20 steel bridge bearings, steel beam plating repairs and riprap installation. The rehabilitation
21 work on the bridge will increase the bridge’s life expectancy and prevent replacement in the
22 short term; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Section 506 of the Charter of Cecil County requires that no final budget action may be
24 taken by the County Council until after public hearing or hearings have been held in open public session;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, County Council has caused notice of a public budget hearing on the recommended
27 appropriation to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Cecil County; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Department of Public Works is requesting to expedite the Bill as
29 outlined in the Council’s Policy #5-19 Expedited Legislation process as approved by

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30 Resolution No. 49-2015. The requested is in consideration of the project schedule due to deadlines
31 associated with weather concerns due to winter. Notice to Proceed is scheduled for
32 September 4, 2019 thus allowing to project to be completed by the end of November 2019. If expedited
33 procedures are not employed and the Council does not vote on the legislation for two weeks after the
34 public hearing (September 17, 2019), then issuance of the Notice to Proceed would be delayed two
35 weeks. The risk of adverse weather impacting paving operations increases as mid-December approaches.
36 Being able to start work on the project two weeks sooner will help reduce the weather-related risk on the
37 Bethel Church Road Bridge Project.

38 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
39 **MARYLAND,** that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal
40 Year 2020 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Budget to
41 appropriate the transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads and Bridges Capital
42 Projects Budget in the amount of \$75,000 from the following completed projects: a portion of the savings
43 from the Upgrade Nottingham Roads Facility Project (\$13,050.11), the Racine School Road Improvements
44 Project (\$11,081.64), and the Replace Bohemia Church Road Culverts Project (\$50,868.25); to go towards
45 the Rehabilitation of Bethel Church Road Bridge Project (\$75,000).

46 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that this Act
47 shall take effect in 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY Council Manager