



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President Meffley at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2019 – Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Roads Maintenance and Repair

SYNOPSIS: A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to authorize the Roads Maintenance Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority of \$3,000,000 to be expended by investment in County road infrastructure through much needed asphalt overlay/asphalt patching.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on the Cecil County of \$3,000,000, by expending the FY2019 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the Roads Maintenance Asphalt Overlay/Asphalt Patching Program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

It is within the power of the County Executive to determine if funds need to be set aside to benefit and/or safeguard the County against the risk of large unbudgeted expenditures. The constraints of the FY2020 Budget and almost all of approved budgets over the past ten years have insufficiently invested in the County road infrastructure. There are over 600 miles of County roads. The annual resurfacing target is 60 miles per year. After the state cut Highway User Revenues to all counties in Maryland, Cecil County was left to figure out how to maintain its roads with less resources. Since that time the County's resurfacing deficit based on the target miles per year is well over 500 miles.

The County's only choice to fund what the State no longer supports, is raising additional revenues or cutting expenses/services. The County Executive has addressed the revenue shortfalls of this County and at the same time growth in commercial investment has also helped to increase the revenues. The combination of the two resulted in additional revenues received in FY2019, allowing the county Executive to assign \$3,000,000 to put back into the degrading roads infrastructure.