

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-24

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2019

Title of Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Road 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.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: December 17, 2019

Consideration scheduled on: January 7, 2020

By:


Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by December 17, 2019 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on January 7, 2020.

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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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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 adopted for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 revenue estimate for Cecil
8 County to increase use of the Assigned Fund Balance for Road Maintenance by \$3,000,000 to allow the
9 following appropriation within the General Fund: the addition of \$3,000,000 in expenditures for
10 asphalt overlay and asphalt patching on County roads. Since 2009 the County’s Highway User Funds
11 from the State of Maryland have been significantly reduced. The County had to replace the Highway
12 User funds revenue stream with County operating revenues to repair and maintain the County road
13 infrastructure. The County Executive has decided to assign fund balance when the FY2019 financial
14 reports were completed and funds were available to invest in the County road infrastructure; and

15 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$3,000,000 for road resurfacing from the
16 FY2019 assigned fund balance to the General Fund for expenditures.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
18 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal
19 Year 2020 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current Budget
20 to appropriate \$3,000,000 of additional expenditures in the General Fund to the Roads Maintenance
21 Department’s budget.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
23 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED: December 17, 2019

ADOPTED: January 7, 2020

ATTEST:


Council Manager



President of the Council



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

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

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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.