



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL NOTE

#### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

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

#### **BILL NO. 2019-21 – USE OF ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO FUND BELVIDERE CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

**SYNOPSIS:** A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to appropriate expenditure authority within the Roads & Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$150,000 from the General Fund – Assignment of Fund Balance.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on the Cecil County of \$150,000, by expending the FY2019 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the Roads & Bridges Capital Projects Fund for the Belvidere Road Culvert Replacement Project.

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS:

In September the Administration introduced a bill to transfer unspent bond funds to the emergency culvert replacement project on Belvidere Road. Again, the scope of the project was presented as follows:

***This project consists of the emergency replacement of a culvert on Belvidere Road. The existing corrugated metal culvert pipe has deteriorated and partially failed and is at risk of a complete failure, which would likely result in a slope failure and/or the failure of the road bed, thus closing the road, thus making this project urgent. The existing culvert is under 15 feet of fill on what is a very busy County road, with a fairly high volume of truck traffic. The culvert is located just north of the GE Appliance and Distribution Center and Perryville Cold Storage off of Belvidere Road.***

When the bids were opened, it was found that all bids were over the budgeted amount for the project. As had been explained earlier, the urgent nature of the project and the shorten project schedule to lessen the impact on the community near and around Belvidere Road, were both costs that were going to be difficult to pinpoint until the bids were actual received. In order to preserve the project schedule and allow the project to be completed prior to the close of asphalt plants in the area, the Administration decided to assign a portion of the FY2019 fund assigned fund balance to the complete the project.