



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

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

#### **BILL NO. 2019-22 – USE OF ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO FUND REHAB BETHEL CHURCH ROAD BRIDGE**

**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 \$200,000 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 \$200,000, 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 rehabilitation of Bethel Church Road Bridge Project.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The FY2020 Roads & Bridge Capital Improvement Program supports the rehabilitation of the bridge located on Bethel Church Road. The scope approved in the FY2020 Capital Improvement Program reads as follows:

***This is a single span steel beam bridge constructed in 1968, has an overall length of 60 feet, and clear roadway width of approximately 27 feet. The bridge is currently not load posted and carries 889 vehicles per day. The concrete bridge deck has had extensive repairs over the years and the underlying original concrete deck is showing advanced deterioration resulting in several closures for concrete deck repairs. The project will replace the concrete deck and make it an integral (composite) with the steel beams, replace the substandard concrete and steel bridge railings, and upgrade the approach w-beam and end treatments, and includes miscellaneous steel repairs.***

Council approved transfer of additional funds to the project to create sufficient budget to enable completion prior to the winter months and before the closing of the asphalt plants. However, when the deck was removed from the beams, lead paint was detected on the beams. Once it was discovered, by law the County had to remediate the lead. The project's contingency was insufficient to cover the cost of lead remediation. An assignment was approved by the County Executive to complete the project.