

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2020-11**

**BILL NO. 2020-07**

**Title of Bill:** Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Roads and Bridges – Central Yard Fuel and Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge

**Synopsis:** A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads and Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Belvidere Road Improvement Project Phase I to the Replace Central Yard Fuel Project (\$500,000) and the Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge Project (\$500,000). This Bill will also remove new FY 2021 bond funding of \$1,125,000 from the Central Yard Fuel Point and Mechanics Valley Bridge projects to lower the County's overall capital debt burden for FY 2021

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

**Introduced and order posted on:** June 9, 2020

**Public hearing scheduled on:** July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Consideration scheduled on:** July 21, 2020

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).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

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and Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge**

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2020, the  
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2021; 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 2021; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on May 19, 2020, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was approved for Fiscal Year 2021; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2021 Roads & Bridges Capital Projects  
8 Budget to transfer the unencumbered bond revenue and expense for Cecil County, Maryland from the  
9 following Roads & Bridges Capital Project:

- 10           a) To transfer \$1,000,000 from the Belvidere Road Improvement Project Phase 1; the County  
11 Executive concluded starting the Belvidere Road Improvement Project was not in the best  
12 interest of the County due to the uncertain economy due to the pandemic; and

13           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation of unencumbered bond revenue and expense totaling \$1,000,000 is  
14 requested to be transferred to the two projects already in progress:

- 15           a) The Replace Central Yard Fuel Point Project is in final design but was seeking additional bond  
16 funding in FY2021 to take the project to construction. The project became of broader scope  
17 for FY2021 to construct a new wash bay and needs \$500,000 to unsure there is enough funding  
18 for construction; and  
19           b) Replacement of Bridge CE0042 Mechanics Valley Road over CSX is in final design and was  
20 seeking additional funding in FY2021 to take the project to construction; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the Bill also removes \$1,125,000 of FY 2021 bond authority from the Central Yard Fuel  
22 Point Project and the Mechanics Valley Bridge Project to reduce the new borrowing in FY 2021; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Administration’s intent is to defer the start of new projects (Belvidere Road  
24 Improvement Phase I Project) until the economic threat of COVID-19 is known and the County’s ability to  
25 borrow new bonds is secured; and

26           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
27 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
28 Year 2021 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation, and by amending the Budget to  
29 transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads and Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the

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30 amount of \$1,000,000 from the Belvidere Road Improvement Project Phase I, and to the Replace Central  
31 Yard Fuel Project (\$500,000) and the Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge Project (\$500,000); and  
32 remove new FY 2021 bond funding of \$1,2125,000 from the Central Yard Point and Mechanics Valley  
33 Bridge projects to lower the County’s overall capital debt burden for FY 2021..

34 **AND IT IS FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**  
35 that this Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date that 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.

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BY Council Manager



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

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

#### **BILL NO. 2020-07 – ROADS & BRIDGES CAPITAL BUDGET-TRANSFER BOND FUNDS BETWEEN CAPITAL PROJECTS – BELVIDERE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1**

**SYNOPSIS:** A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads & Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Belvidere Road Improvement Project Phase I to the Replace Central Yard Fuel Project (\$500,000) and the Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge Project (\$500,000). This bill will also remove new FY2021 bond funding of \$1,125,000 from the Central Yard Fuel Point and Mechanics Valley Bridge projects to lower the County's overall capital debt burden for FY2021.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be reduced capital borrowing in Fiscal 2021 of \$1,125,000. The new planned FY2021 bonds will be removed from the two projects and will be replaced with prior borrowed bonds. The bill transfers \$1,000,000 of existing bond appropriation authority from a new project to two projects that are in final design and need additional funding to complete construction.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The FY2021 Proposed Capital Improvement Program—Roads and Bridges Capital Program was seeking to move \$1,000,000 of prior funding to the Belvidere Road Improvement Phase 1 Project. The program also was seeking new bond authority for the construction balance needed for the Upgrade to the Central Yard Fuel Point Project and the Replacement of Mechanics Valley Road Bridge Project.

In a letter dated April 14, 2020 from the County Executive to the County Council, Dr. McCarthy informed the Council the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was reviewed by his staff, and due to the growing fears of the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, were advising him against starting new projects. Although the CIP is a planning document, he felt it necessary to share with the Council the advice he had received and believed it fiscally prudent to recommend deferral of five projects seeking new project funding in FY2021:

**2. NEW PROJECTS IN THE FY21 CIP THAT WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL FY2022.**

- a. Facilities – Administration Building Security (County-\$150,000)
- b. Parks- Rising Sun High Turf Field (County-\$1,300,000)
- c. Sheriff's Office-Retrofit Space for Evidence & Armory (County-\$535,000)
- d. Cecil County Animal Services-Phase 2 Expansion/Sprinkler (County-\$640,000)
- e. Roads-Belvidere Road Improvements Phase 1 (County-\$1,000,000)

The last item in that list, the Belvidere Road Improvement Phase I Project was not seeking new FY2021 bond authority, but rather was having unused, already borrowed bonds transferred to the project to start design work. However, due to the pandemic, it was decided a better use of those already borrowed bond funds was to transfer the bond funds to two projects, instead of borrowing new bonds, that are poised for construction in FY2021, the Replacement of the Central Yard Fuel Point and the Replacement of Mechanics Valley Road Bridge. The implementation strategy letter went on to say:

In order to complete the Fuel Point project at the central yard and the necessary match required for the Mechanics Valley Road Bridge project mentioned earlier, it is our intent to move the prior funding of \$1,000,000 placed on the Belvidere Road Improvement project to the two projects close to construction. The use of bond cash we have in the bank to complete two projects so close to construction seems more reasonable than starting something new on the Belvidere Road Improvement Project.

The County Executive is seeking the amendment as outlined in the strategy letter to ensure the projects that are ready for construction in FY2021 have the required funding and the new project is not started until County revenues stream effected by the pandemic return to normal.