

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement

Council Resolution 117-2013 -

Declaring Howard County right-of-way no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of

Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code.

**To:** Lonnie R. Robbins

Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date: September 4, 2013

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to declaring approximately 0.841 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as a portion of the right-of-way of Dorsey Run Road is no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Coastal Sunbelt Produce; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Coastal Sunbelt Produce is a Howard County business seeking to expand its operations by constructing a new warehouse and distribution facility adjacent to a portion of the Dorsey Run Road right-of-way (the "County Property"). The County Property, or a portion thereof, will be required to accomplish the expansion. The Department of Public Works has reviewed and approved the proposed disposal of the County Property. The County has determined that, subject to the use of the property for stormwater management, it is no longer needed for County purposes

The Resolution also authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of real property to Coastal Sunbelt Produce.

A representative of the department will be present at the public hearing. If you require further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.