

Sayers, Margery

From: Tina Bennett <tinabennetwork@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Public input on the proposed budget

Greetings.

If it is timely, I would like to express strong support for expenditure on bus stop improvement.

I live near bus stops on Guilford Road and pass some on Broken Land Parkway. I see folks standing on grass or trying to keep feet dry by standing on a cement square (about 1 yard x 1 yard) if one is available. There is no shelter for many stops. At one on Guilford, folks will often sit on a pad-mount transformer because there is no other place to sit. There are no trash cans, so you can guess what is discarded on the ground. People look (and are) miserable at these stops, and such conditions do not encourage them to ride the buses.

Howard County must meet basic needs (including safety) of riders to support bus ridership and support these people, many of whom might not be able to afford their own cars

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tina Bennett and family



Uniting East and West
with a Bus, Bike, And
Pedestrian Bridge

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April 13, 2017

Dear Howard County Council Member,

Friends of Bridge Columbia wholeheartedly supports the inclusion of funding for upgrades to the Route 29 pedestrian bridge (Budget Item B3863 FY2013 Downtown Columbia-Oakland Mills Connection Improvements).

We appreciate the creativity of the county employees and contractors in generating the geodesic tube with spiral design and encourage you to support this project with the funding required to make it happen. As the only pedestrian connection between east and west Columbia, the bridge is an essential link between many major destinations for walkers and bicyclists. As development in Columbia continues, this link will become even more important to help reduce parking and traffic issues in downtown Columbia and support and strengthen the village centers of Oakland Mills and Long Reach.

We applaud the colorful and iconic design, which would be very attractive both from the bridge itself and from the highway below. Its openness will make the bridge more comfortable for the people using it and its uniqueness will provide a signature structure for Columbia. Added to all the improvements to the path that have been made, the bridge and its approaches from both sides are much more appealing, increasing the sense of safety and comfort. We are very encouraged to see these positive changes.

We are also pleased that the Office of Transportation is exploring a transitway concept in the Transit Development Plan. In this plan, Bridge Columbia would be the linchpin of an east-west public transit corridor (transitway) that would connect Howard County Hospital in the west to Gateway Center in the east. The transitway would use a combination of roads and existing transit rights-of-way to create what would essentially be a bus rapid transit system through the heart of Columbia. We believe that, with the iconic design planned for the current pedestrian element of the bridge, a corresponding transit element would be forward-thinking, sustainable, affordable and fulfill the promise of Bridge Columbia.

Sincerely,

Fred Gottemoeller
On Behalf of Friends of Bridge Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Jervis Dorton <jervisdorton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget

Dear County Council Members

As an Oakland Mills resident I urge you to approve B3863 Bridge Columbia, E1036 and E1043 School Renovations and T7106 Stevens Forest Road Improvements that are included in the County Executive's Budget. Our Village is 48 years old and these projects are necessary to improve our schools, safety on our roads and prospects for the future of our Village Center.

Sincerely

Jervis Dorton
5963 Gales Lane
Columbia 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: DAVID LAST_NAME <bhfoston@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Terrasa, Jen
Cc: CouncilMail; Delerme, Raul; Byrd, John
Subject: N3940 - North Laurel Swimming Pool - Capital Budget Update

Hi Jen,

Sorry, I missed the Budget hearing. My husband was critically ill and still is. He needs a heart transplant like yesterday.

Why not allocate the entire amount for the swimming pool asap, get the job done and reimburse the money in the future budget? This project is one of the loooongest project. Other projects were proposed, completed, used, and renovated.

Each year this project is detained, the cost is going up in construction - labor and material. Eventually the money would never meet the cost of the project.

Some of us may not live to see the fruition of the swimming pool.

Please reconsider this project and give it priority.

Thanks,

Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston

Concerned Citizen

On April 5, 2017 at 5:55 PM Howard County Council District 3
<jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Budget Update

Jen Terrasa, Councilwoman

District 3— April 2017



Greetings,

The County Executive has now presented his FY18 Proposed Capital Budget to the County Council, and we will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm in the Banneker Room at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City 21043. Residents wishing to testify at this hearing, can sign up on line by clicking [here](#), or may sign up in person on the night of the hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you have written testimony, please consider sending us a written copy of your testimony to jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov. Please note that you may testify on all departments except Board of Education, Howard Community College, and Libraries. The hearing on those will take place on Monday, April 24 at 7pm in the Banneker Room.

For more information about the budget process please see the [Council's Budget page](#). The schedule of Council's Budget Hearings and Work Sessions are available on the County Council's [calendar page](#) beginning in April and running through the end of May.

For your convenience, I have included a little more information about some of the projects that are either in District 3 or I thought might be of particular interest to District 3 residents, and have highlighted them below. To see the entire Capital Budget as proposed to the County Council, click [here](#).

Highlighted Capital Projects for D3

B3863-FY2013 Bridge Columbia - Downtown Columbia-Oakland Mills Connection Improvements

A project to provide a feasibility study, design and construction of enhancements to existing and potential future connections over US29. The FY18 Proposed Budget includes the addition of \$500,000 for this project.

C0285 FY2002 US1 Corridor Revitalization

A project to plan, design and implement a series of streetscape, pedestrian, bicycle, transportation and public green space improvements on public property in the US1 Corridor. Unfortunately, I hoped to see more than the \$500,000 that was presented to the Planning Board when the County Executive sent his proposed FY18 budget to the Council, the dollar amount was reduced to \$400,000. I am disappointed that \$5 million has been removed over the previous 2 years.

C0319 FY2010 Tax Increment Financing Projects

TIF Bonds of up to \$90 million will be sold to enable construction of a public parking garage and other public improvements in the Crescent Special Tax Districts. Currently there is \$120,000,000 in prior appropriation. Nothing is being proposed for FY18, however \$40,000,000 is programmed to be added in FY19.

C0332 FY2014 Bus Stop Improvements

A project to implement a series of systemic improvements to Howard Transit bus stops. These improvements may include the installation of bus shelters, concrete pads, bus stop signs, connecting sidewalks, curb cuts (consistent with ADA requirements), crosswalks, route map holders and other improvements. The Office of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Zoning, will determine the location and extent of these improvements. The proposed FY18 Budget adds \$120,000 to the \$690,000 which was already in the project.

C0344 FY2016 Southeast Infrastructure Improvements

A project to plan, design and construct a series of infrastructure improvements targeted within the southeast area of the Route 1 corridor. When this project was created in FY16, the original amount presented to the Planning Board was for \$1.35 Million. It subsequently was reduced to \$150,000 when the County Executive sent it to the Council on April 1st. No additional funds were submitted in FY17. Proposed for the FY18 budget includes \$500,000 for this project.

D1140 FY2005 Pine Tree/Glen Court Storm Drain System

A project for the design and construction of a storm drain system along Pine Tree Road, Glen Court, and Guilford Road. No funding is included in FY18.

D1150-FY2005 High Ridge Drainage

A project to design and construct storm drain improvements in the High Ridge area including, but not limited to: Old Scaggsville Road, Naylor Avenue, Hughes Avenue, Robinson Boulevard, Gross Avenue, Bryant Avenue, Grant Avenue, and Lyon Avenue. No funding is included in FY18.

D1155 FY2006 Lincoln Drive at Cedar Villa Park Drainage

There is an inadequate drainage system to carry the runoff from the park side of the road to the outfall side of Lincoln Drive. Additional drainage facilities are needed along Cedar Avenue, Georgia Avenue and Wye Avenue. No additional money is being added in FY18 for this project, however this project was scheduled to get started on March 6, 2017 with a prior appropriation of \$1,635,000.

H2014 FY2013 Road Resurfacing Program

A project to provide resurfacing to various County roads. The proposed FY18 Budget includes \$4,500,000 for this project.

J4181 FY2003 Guilford Rd (US1 To Dorsey Run Rd)

This project is to study, design, and reconstruct Guilford Road to three lanes from US1 to Old Dorsey Run Road; a distance of 5,800 LF. No additional funding is being added to the prior appropriation of \$1,875,000.

J4202 FY2004 Stephens Road Improvements

A project for the design and reconstruction of Stephens Road from Whiskey Bottom Road to Gorman Road. No additional funds are being added this year; according to the Administration there are sufficient funds in the prior appropriation of \$9,160,000 to complete the project. However, the completion date in the project has been pushed back a year.

J4214 FY2007 Guilford At Vollmerhausen Improvements

A project to design and construct improvements to the intersection of Guilford Road at Vollmerhausen Road and along Guilford Road to the west towards Carroll Heights Ave. The proposed FY18 Budget includes \$125,000 for this project.

J4222 FY2008 Snowden River Parkway Widening Brokenland To Oakland Mills

A project to design and construct a widening of Snowden River Parkway (intermediate arterial) by adding a third lane and sidewalks from Broken Land Parkway to Oakland Mills Road. No additional funds were added and this is being pushed back a year. However, last year it was anticipated that \$9,300,000 would be included in FY18, but is now being shown as a possibility for FY19.

J4248 FY2017 Savage Area Complete Streets

The project includes complete street improvements in Savage, Maryland to enhance multimodal travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and automobiles. This project (along with Savage Sewer realignment below), is getting under way in the coming months. While the Planning Board budget had \$2,300,000 in it, no money is proposed in the FY18 proposed budget.

S6290 FY2014 Savage Area Sewer Study And Realignment

A project for the study and realignment of 3,500 linear feet of sewer in the area of Baltimore Street and Washington Street, west of William Street in Savage, Maryland. (See above)

K5040 FY2005 Guilford Rd Pedestrian/Bike Improve

A project for the design and construction of sidewalk on one or both sides of Guilford Road between Oakland Mills Road and US1. No additional funds are being added in FY18; this project is being pushed back a year.

K5061 FY2007 Pedestrian Plan Projects

A project for the ongoing evaluation, design and construction of pedestrian improvements listed in the Howard County Pedestrian Master Plan. As presented to the Planning Board, \$1,500,000 was included for this project. However, the proposed FY18 budget only includes \$250,000.

K5063 FY2017 North Laurel Road Sidewalk

A project for the design and construction of a sidewalk along the southwest side of North Laurel Road from Linville Ave to US1. The FY18 Budget includes \$75,000 for this project.

K5064 FY2017 Mission Road Sidewalk

A project to install sidewalk along parts of Mission Road. The FY18 Budget includes \$75,000 for this project.

K5066 FY2014 Bicycle Plan Projects

A project for the implementation of the comprehensive Howard County Bicycle Master Plan. The FY18 budge includes \$731,000 for this project.

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

A project to master plan, design, and construct a 298-acre regional park, and restore the 19th century Blandair Mansion and out buildings located off MD175 in Columbia. The proposed FY18 budget adds \$1,713,000 to the project.

N3940 FY2000 North Laurel Park (Swimming Pool)

A project to design and construct a swimming pool at North Laurel Park. \$500,000 being proposed for FY18 Budget to address additional design for the swimming pool.

N3973 FY2014 East Columbia Library Athletic Field And Site Improvements

A project to upgrade the athletic fields at East Columbia Library, located off of Cradlerock in Columbia. The FY18 Budget includes \$200,000 for this project.

T7107-FY2014 Downtown Columbia Patuxent Branch Trail Extension

A project connecting Downtown Columbia at Lake Kittamaqundi and extending to the existing Patuxent Branch Trail. This project would provide a car-free connection from Downtown Columbia to Savage; including the existing portion of the trail, and will connect to the planned east-west Hospital to Blandair Park multi-use pathway. No additional funds were added for FY18, however there are \$60,000 left in prior appropriation.

Please do not hesitate to let me or my staff know if we can be of any assistance on providing more information about the budget, or on any other matter or concern you may have.

All the best,

Jen

Jennifer Terrasa
Councilwoman, District 3
Howard County Council
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From: Cathy Spain <cathyspain@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2017 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Cgthomas65@verizon.net; William.R.McCormack@verizon.net
Subject: Proposed Capital Budget Items Benefiting Oakland Mills

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing ask for your support for the following capital budget items that will support the ongoing efforts to revitalize and redevelop the Village of Oakland Mills. These investments will not solve the problems we have in Oakland Mills but they represent incremental changes we need to attract more investment from the private sector and signal to prospective residents that Oakland Mills is a highly desirable community.

I am particularly interested in the pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Route 29 in Oakland Mills. I believe the geodesic spiral is a good short-term solution. Traffic on the pathway is noticeably improved. I have recently seen young mothers with strollers, coffee cups and Whole Foods bags walking in Oakland Mills. Downtown is now seen as a destination via the pathway and bridge. I continue to support a transit crossing to the new Downtown through Oakland Mills. To that end, I support the work that is underway to study a transitway and find financial support for the project.

Thank you in advance for your approval of these items.

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

B3863 Bridge Columbia

E1036 Oakland Mills Middle School Renovation

E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

Sincerely,
Cathy Spain
6167 Camelback Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

cathyspain@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Jim Alvey <jimalv21045@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 08, 2017 12:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Issues of importance

Hi Howard County Council Members,

First, thank you each for working hard and working together to maintain and improve our great county. I truly appreciate it.

I am asking for your support on the following issues of importance to me. Please let me know if I can count on your support.

Thank you,

Jim Alvey
5489 Bright Hawk Ct
Columbia, MD 21045
410-964-3534

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

\$700,000 in GO Bonds was added for FY18 for construction fees for Phase III. Construction is expected to start this Fall with funding of \$1.7 million for the completion of a "Playground for All," a universally designed playground for children of all abilities, space for games, a restroom and pavilion at Blandair Park.

B3863 Bridge Columbia

\$500,000 was put into the capital budget to support the renovation of the bridge in FY18. Project is slated for completion early in spring 2018. Transitway study was previously funded as part of the Transit Development Plan.

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\$3 Million was put in for FY 19

E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

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T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

A project to install a mini-roundabout at the intersection of Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill to address traffic operational and safety concerns. This project is still under design, approximate estimate for this task is \$300K. Timeline to start and complete project - 30% design complete, 90% design underway in FY 17/FY18 and potential construction towards late FY18 or early FY19.

Streetscape final design and construction for Stevens Forest Road from Santiago Road to and through Whiteacre Road and Streetscape design and construction for Thunder Hill Road, South of 175, to Whiteacre Road.

Funding for design and construction of Oakland Mills streetscape projects was included in the FY17 budget. However, the projects were placed on hold awaiting the results of the Oakland Mills Village Center Area Feasibility Study. The final study was presented and it is now time to begin community renewal projects. One of the first is roadway modifications and streetscape improvements to Stevens Forest, Whiteacre, and Thunder Hill Roads as a component of the reinvention of Oakland Mills. Consequently, we ask that the budget maintain current funding for the construction of the streetscape projects already in the design phase and any new design modifications as necessary for streetscape design and traffic flow improvements.

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Mauro <mmauro44@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 3:38 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Capital Budget

I am requesting that you support the following items of Howard County's Capital Budget.

E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation
\$3 Million was put in for FY19

T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill
Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

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B3863 Bridge Columbia

N3102 FY2000 [Blandair Regional Park](#)

**Thank you,
Margaret Mauro
5451 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD**

Sayers, Margery

From: sandra braxton-riley <saunie50@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 2:38 PM
To: CouncilMail; Sandy Cederbaum; Pruum, Kimberly
Subject: Thunder Hill Road, South

Dear Sirs,

Thunder Hill Road South has been discussed by OM Board members and residents several times. It continues to be one of the most widely use roads. THR has pot holes cracks and is just main unsightly.

We have requested three medians with vegetation, bike lanes, and parking lanes in front of two or three additional home on the east and west side of the street near route 175. The has also been a request for a cross walk near the bus stop at Oakland Mills Road.

The THR North entrance is even more attractive than THR South which leads to our village and it should be inviting not unsightly.

Waiting for action,

Sandra Braxton-Riley
5579 Thunder Hill Road
443-756-7605

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANA Mosley <dwmonbrr@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 2:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: budget 2017

Dear County Council,

Please support the budget items listed below.

NC102FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

B3863 Bridge Columbia

Thank-you,

Diana Mosley

Oakland Mills resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Bohac <rbohac@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: capital budget

I urge the members of the council to support the capital budget items included by Mr. Kittleman for the improvement of Oakland Mills Village. As one of the older villages, Oakland Mills faced many challenges, and these projects, which include school improvements, Blandair Park construction, and road safety additions, will help OM remain a vibrant neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Beth Bohac
9451 Brett Lane
410-730-0136

Sayers, Margery

From: Torey Bixler <tbixler88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support For Capital Budget Items in Oakland Mills Area

To Whom It May Concern:

I live on Pamplona Road in Oakland Mills and would like to voice my support for the following capital budget projects:

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

\$700,000 in GO Bonds was added for FY18 for construction fees for Phase III. Construction is expected to start this Fall with funding of \$1.7 million for the completion of a "Playground for All," a universally designed playground for children of all abilities, space for games, a restroom and pavilion at Blandair Park.

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Thank you,

Torey Bixler

Sayers, Margery

From: Joan Aron <joanaron@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for Oakland Mills projects in capital budget

To: Howard County Council
From: Joan L. Aron, 5457 Marsh Hawk Way, Columbia, MD 21045
Date: April 7, 2017

Please support the Oakland Mills capital budget items that County Executive Kittleman included in his budget. These projects will help to improve schools, road safety, and recreation in the Oakland Mills Village Center area.

N3102 FY 2000 Blandair Regional Park

B3863 Bridge Columbia

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E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road / Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

Thank you.



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410-730-4610 • oaklandmills.org

April 6, 2017

TO: Members of the Howard County Council

FROM: Oakland Mills Board of Directors

SUBJECT: FY18 Capital Budget Testimony

We would like to thank the County Executive for including funding for Bridge Columbia, Route 29 Pedestrian Bridge, Blandair Park, and streetscape and community renewal projects, including the construction of a mini-roundabout at a dangerous intersection in Oakland Mills. We respectfully request the County Council to approve funding for all of these important projects.

Route 29 Pedestrian Bridge

The #1 action item of our Village Center Community Plan is to advocate for implementation of Bridge Columbia in order to optimize our position as a Gateway to Downtown Columbia. The Geodesic Tube design was the unanimous choice of our Village Board because it dramatically signals our proximity to downtown. While serving our residents, it is guaranteed to attract cyclists and walkers from the entire county and become an iconic bridge in every sense of the word.

Completion of the bridge redesign is the last remaining element to fulfill the CEPPA 12 compliance agreement that comprises an upgraded Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway stretching from Howard County Hospital to Blandair Park, uniting East and West Columbia. In August 2015, a \$500,000 fund was set aside for the bridge portion. Together with the current budget item, these funds will enable completion of the project by spring 2018, in time for the 50th anniversary of Oakland Mills.

Planning Funds for a Public Transit Corridor, utilizing Bridge Columbia, from Howard County General Hospital to Gateway

A public transportation corridor is essential to the commercial and residential growth of Columbia's downtown and the future expansion of the Columbia Gateway Business Park.

Creating a multi-modal crossing over Route 29 as part of this transportation corridor is key to providing an efficient and attractive link from downtown to Gateway.

We envision Bridge Columbia as a vital part of a 21st Century transit system that connects Howard County General Hospital, Howard Community College, Columbia's Downtown, Oakland Mills, Blandair Park, Long Reach, and Gateway. We request that the Council support this initiative with funding for design and planning of this important multi-modal transit way.

Roadway Safety – Final Design and Construction Funds for a Roundabout at the Intersection of Stevens Forest and Farewell Roads

The Village Board supports the concept for a mini-roundabout with chokers at the intersection of Stevens Forest and Farewell Roads. Stevens Forest is a major collector road and the roundabout is one of the two options that were presented as safety and roadway calming. Four traffic accidents have occurred at the intersection since the beginning of 2017 and 13 accidents in 2016. The roundabout, once constructed, will keep the traffic flowing at a steady pace while allowing drivers to turn safely in both directions on this much traveled roadway. We would like to thank Councilman Ball and his staff for working with the community on this project and Howard County Traffic Engineers for working with us and developing design options.

Emerald Ash Tree Removal and Replacement Program

We support funding of the Emerald Ash Borer program which will address the removal and replacement of infected trees and inoculation of high value trees. We emphasize the important component of the program which is timely tree replacement so that Howard County's streets and roadways will remain tree lined.

Renovation of Talbott Springs Elementary School and Oakland Mills Middle School

We were extremely pleased that the HCPSS Board of Education's approved FY2018 Operating and Capital Budget and FY2019-2023 Capital Improvement plan include funding for the renovation of Talbott Springs Elementary School and Oakland Mills Middle School. We support funding in the County's FY18 Capital Budget for both projects. Complete renovation of Talbott Springs Elementary and Oakland Mills Middle is much needed and long overdue. Each facility faces a number of programmatic, systematic, and physical upgrades. It is imperative that the renovation plans address the current capacity and the anticipated student and teacher population. The entire interior and exterior infrastructure, including all common areas, must be designed to meet current and future needs.

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Thank you for your consideration. Oakland Mills looks forward to our continued partnership as we work to revitalize our community and continue to improve our County.



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Business (410) 313-5403 Fax (410) 313-4822 Emergency Dial 911

TO: Ms Jen Terasa

FROM: Mickey Day *Mickey*

DATE: March 5, 2017

SUBJECT: Alpine Software

Ms Terasa,

I have included with this mailing a document concerning the recommendation that the Alpine Records Management System replace the current DFRS system. This new innovative system will bring many new features and allow for seamless communication between all the various databases that are required. It will replace our current aging LOSAP management program and will simplify the means as to which the data is gathered. This will lessen the opportunity for mistakes and result in consistent data across the department.

As you can see, the six Volunteer Chiefs agree as to the importance of this project. We hope it can be included in the upcoming budget. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of the Volunteer Chiefs. As always, we thank you for the continued support of our operations.

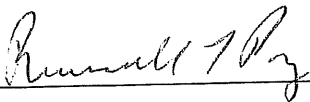
cc; John Butler, Fire Chief

The Volunteer Fire Chiefs of the six volunteer fire departments in Howard County, are united in support of a replacement of the Department of Fire and Rescues database management system. While, the current RMS and LOSAP system have served us well for many years, they currently fall short of the needs of our members today. As you are aware, technology continually evolves bringing new capabilities to the marketplace. Howard County has been a leader in keeping with these new innovations. It is time now to replace our aging software and bring us up to speed with our regional departments.

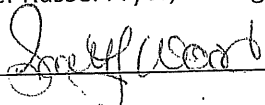
Approximately two years ago, some of us visited with folks from Harford County Fire and Rescue to take a look at a product they had been using for a couple of years. Harford County has both paid employees and volunteers. Their needs are comparable to ours and we were quite impressed by the functionality of the product they were using. We have looked at several other programs, but believe the RED NMX program Harford is using is the best fit for us. While all aspects of the records management system are important, this program has a good approach for dealing with the requirements of the LOSAP system and seamlessly integrates it into other record management areas. Capturing this information via Kiosh located in the fire stations and mobile capabilities further enhance the effectiveness of the product.

We therefore strongly encourage you to support funding for the RED MNX program and associated hardware in the upcoming budget. Our LOSAP system is antiquated and needs updated now. Tracking of personnel records and training records has also been a challenge. We feel this program will greatly improve the total management of all records and bring them into one central location. This will benefit all members of Fire and Rescue and bring many new capabilities to us.


Thank you for your time and support of our mission to our members and the citizens and visitors of Howard County.



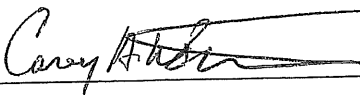
Chief Russel Pryor, Elkridge Vol Fire Dept



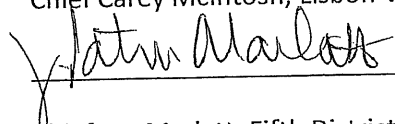
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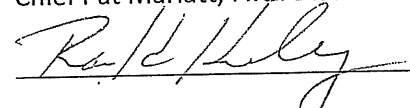
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Good Evening County Executive Kittleman,

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I am resubmitting this written testimony that we forwarded on December 2, 2016. Please include it as part of the record for the March 8, 2017 budget hearing.

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We look forward to a continued and productive working relationship with you and members of your administration and thank you for the financial and programmatic support that County government continues to provide.

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