

Subject:

Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement

Council Resolution No. 144-2019, a Resolution pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that portions of parcels of land owned by Howard County totaling approximately 2.63 acres are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the fee simple title to such portions of the parcels to the adjacent property owner, the State of Maryland as part of the widening of Maryland Route 32 from Linden Church Road to Interstate-70; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey such property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

To:

Lonnie R. Robbins,

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date:

November 8, 2019

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to declaring that approximately 2.63 acres of real property owned by Howard County is no longer needed for public purposes and authorizing 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 the adjacent property owner, the State of Maryland as part of the widening of Maryland Route 32 from Linden Church Road to Interstate-70; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey such property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

The County is the owner of the following parcels of land (collectively the "Property to be Conveyed"):

- 1) Approximately 1.45 acres of land located at the West Friendship Shopping Center Road shown on State of Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration State Roads Commission ("SHA") Plat No. 60937, attached hereto as Exhibit A, being part of the approximately 0.65 acres of land described in the deed recorded among the Land Records of Howard County (the "Land Records") at Liber 1862, Folio 748.
- 2) Approximately 0.193 acres of land located at Vista View Drive, West Friendship, shown on SHA Plat No. 60938, attached hereto as Exhibit B, being a part of the approximately 1.557 acres described in the deed recorded among the Land Records at Liber 10446, Folio 208.
- 3) A total of approximately 2.297 acres of land and the release of Forest Conservation Easement Area thereon, Parcel 1 being approximately 1.952 acres and Parcel 2 being approximately 0.345 acres, as shown on SHA Plat No. 60757, attached

hereto as Exhibit C, being two parcels – one parcel is 6.110 acres and one parcel is approximately 1.585 acres, both of which are described in the deed recorded among the Land Records at Liber 6872, Folio 284.

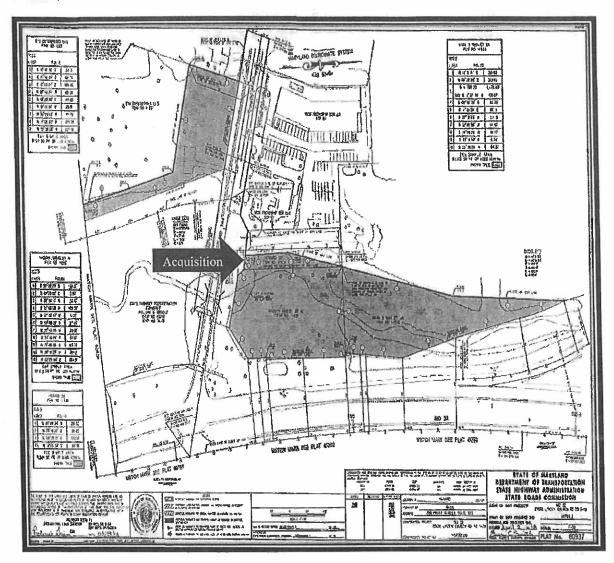
The State of Maryland owns the adjacent land and the State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation needs to acquire the Property to be Conveyed in order to complete the widening of Maryland Route 32 from Interstate 70 to Linden Church Road. The County has determined that the Property to be Conveyed as shown in the attached Exhibits A, B, and C is no longer needed by the County for public purposes upon payment of the appraised value and fee in lieu by the State of Maryland as set forth below:

- 1) For the approximately 0.145 acres of land located at the West Friendship Shopping Center Road, shown on Exhibit A, the acquisition cost to be paid by the State of Maryland to acquire is \$45,850.00.
- 2) For the approximately 0.193 acres of land located at the Vista View Drive, West Friendship, shown on Exhibit B, the acquisition cost to be paid by the State of Maryland to acquire is \$47,300.00.
- 3) For the approximately 2.297 acres of land located at that is a part of the Fox Chase Estates, shown on Exhibit C, the acquisition cost to be paid by the State of Maryland to acquire is \$103,365.00 and a fee in lieu for the release of the Forest Conservation Easement thereon.

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

cc: Jennifer Sager File PLATS:

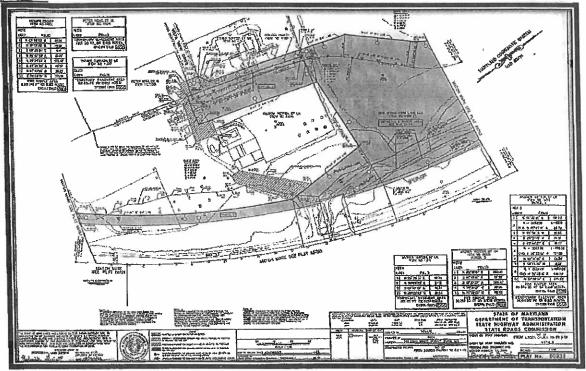
EXHIBIT A



MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

PLATS:

EXHIBIT B



MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

