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October 9, 2010

To: Lonnie R. Robbins

Chief Administrative Officer

From: Sharon F. Greisz

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Re: **TAO No. 2**

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

FROM:

Little Patuxent Parallel Sewer \$3,530,000 (M) 500-99S-6175-999B

TO:

Sewer Contingency Fund \$3,530,000 (M) 500-99S-6214-900L

FROM:

500-99S-6214-900L Sewer Contingency Fund \$3,530,000 (W)

TO:

500-99S-6175-999B Little Patuxent Parallel Sewer \$3,530,000 (W)

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October 2, 2009

To: Lonnie R. Robbins

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Director of Finance

Re: Emergency Legislation

Stimulus Funded Water Quality Loan

In late August the County received notification from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) that they had stimulus funding available for our Capital Project S-6175 "Little Patuxent Parallel Sewer". The loan will be used to fund the cost of installing 1.2 miles of the parallel line to provide capacity to meet current wastewater flows. The one overriding deadline of this stimulus funding is that the loan must settle by December 31, 2009.

The legislation needed to allow the County to settle on the loan are:

- 1. Transfer of Appropriation to transfer Water Quality Loan funding from the Sewer Contingency Project to Project S-6175 (which now has Metro Bonds as the funding source).
- 2. Bond Enabling Bill to enable the Water Quality Loan on project S-6175. Enabling is subject to a 61 day referendum period.
- 3. Bond Issuance (sale) Ordinance authorizes the County to settle on the loan with MDE.

Emergency legislation is needed because of the 61 day referendum period required for the Bond Enabling Bill. According to MDE, the funding became available for this project because other jurisdictions could not meet the December 31 deadline. We project the Stimulus Water Quality Loan will result in a savings of \$40,000 per year for 20 years. The effective interest rate on that loan is 1.5% versus the 3.9% on the County's last bond sale.

cc: Jim Irvin

