



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes – Approved

### Capital Budget Work Session #2

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and WebEx)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>

10:00 a.m.

Chair Walsh opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Council members present:** Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung, and David Yungmann.

**Staff present:** Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Christopher Ashman, County Auditor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst, Nick Reinhart Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

**Administration staff:** Noted below.

## *Agenda*

### **Recreation & Parks**

Provided a presentation to the Council of the department's capital projects funding requests as well as the status of current departmental capital projects. Councilmembers asked about changes to the State of Maryland's Open Space Program, artificial turf at County Parks and the costs of various park projects.

### **Storm Drainage**

Environmental Services Bureau Chief Mark Deluca and Mark Richmond provided an overview of storm drainage projects with significant changes from Fiscal Year 2025 and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 storm drain projects. The Department also provided a presentation on the Ellicott City Safe and Sound Flood Mitigation projects. The Safe and Sound discussion will continue on May 7, 2025. There was also general discussion about stream restoration projects, impervious surface mitigation, the "Green Streets Program" and qualifying for State of Maryland credits for restoration efforts. Council members also asked about fluctuations in material costs.

## **Road Construction**

The Bureau of Engineering Chief Daniel Davis provided an overview of the road construction projects for Fiscal year 2026 and provided an update on the phases of past road resurfacing projects. Council members asked about specific proposed road resurfacing projects and requested information regarding land acquisition and pedestrian and bicycle lanes.

## **Road Resurfacing**

The bureau of Traffic Engineering Chief Kris Jagarapu provided an overview of the proposed road resurfacing projects and provided updates on completed and projects still in progress. There was general discussion about the price of asphalt and the process of storing asphalt.

## **Bridges Program**

The Bureau of Highways gave an overview of the proposed capital budget and the major changes from last fiscal year. The Department responded to questions from the Council on updates to current bridge projects and how bridge inspections are conducted. The Department explained the process of investigating and initiating bridge repairs.

## **Sidewalk / Curb**

The Bureau of Engineering and the Office of Transportation jointly provided an overview of the FY 26 funding requests and the beneficial impacts of the County's "Complete Streets Initiative", Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Mater Plan, and discussed continuing efforts to improve walkability and bikeability in the County. The Bureau responded to questions about specific projects and school walk zones.

## **Traffic / Intersection**

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering Chief Kris Jagarapu presented the Council with proposed residential traffic calming projects and discussed the application process traffic calming and the number of traffic calming applications. Council members asked about specific traffic clamming projects and requested a list of all current traffic calming applications to which the Bureau responded they would not have an updated list as of the date of the hearing (4/23/2025) but would provide that information when it became available.

Chair Walsh closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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Persons needing accommodations to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Council Office, 410-313-2001.

**4/23/2025 CIP Work Session Attendee List:**

**Budget**

Holly Sun  
Brook Mamo

**DPW**

Yosef Kebede  
John Seefried  
Susan Voyce  
Emily Iacchei

**Finance**

Rafiu Ighile  
Angie Price  
John Vu

**Recreation and Parks**

Nicholas Mooneyhan  
Bob Linz  
Bryan Moody  
Brenda Mercado  
Jason Thompson  
Scott Munroe  
Nicola Morgal  
Mike Milani  
Owen Clark  
Paul Walsky

**Storm Drainage**

Daniel Davis  
Abdul Akbari  
Craig Daly  
Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach  
Mark Deluca  
Mark Richmond

**Road Construction**

Daniel Davis  
Abdul Akbari  
Craig Daly  
Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach

**Road Resurfacing**

Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach

**Bridge, Sidewalk / Curb**

Daniel Davis  
Abdul Akbari  
Craig Daly  
Kris Jagarapu  
Mark Kovach  
Clarence Dickerson  
Chris Eatough  
David Cookson

**Traffic / Intersection**

Kris Jagarapu  
Jennifer Woo  
Clarence Dickerson  
Chris Eatough  
David Cookson