

**BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 20
DECEMBER 1, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

WORK SESSION – NOVEMBER 25, 2025, 4 P.M.

**CEB = CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET
BY REQ. = AT REQUEST OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**A. MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL – Meeting of November 17, 2025

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS – Bill 73-25, 74-25, 75-25 & 77-25

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 79-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – Personnel Law of Baltimore County

Bill 80-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CEB – Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

Bill 81-25 – Mr. Jones – Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the Business, Major (B.M.) Zone – Animal Boarding Place, Class B

F. BILLS FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION

Bill 82-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CEB – 988 Crisis Hotline Services

Bill 83-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CEB – Crisis Services Development/Expansion Program

Bill 84-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CEB – Long-Term & Dementia Care Program

Bill 85-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CEB – HSGP

Bill 86-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CEB – Assistance to Firefighters

~~WITHDRAWN~~ Bill 87-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – CC221P403 Energy and Sustainability Programs

Bill 88-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) & Mr. Crandell – Property Tax Credits for Eligible Port Property

Bill 89-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – Bond Ordinance

Bill 90-25 – Mr. Marks – Zoning Regulations – Honeygo Area – Sidewalks

G. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS/CONTRACTS

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3. Contract – Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. – Compressed tank recycling services

4. Contracts – (3) – Snow removal and deicing services

5. Amendments to Contracts – (2) – Life insurance administration services

6. Amendment to Contract – Bolton Partners, Inc. – Employee benefit advisory services

H. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Res. 62-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – Approval of FY25-26 Agricultural Preservation Easement Purchases

**BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL
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LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025**

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The accompanying notes provide analysis of unaudited information obtained from the Administration and other sources; most notes for Administration-submitted agenda items are prepared primarily by the Office of the County Auditor, while most notes for Council-initiated agenda items are prepared primarily by the Office of the Legislative Counsel to the County Council.



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

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- 36 3. Contract – Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. – Compressed tank recycling services
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STEVE LAFFERTY, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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- 44 1. Res. 62-25 – Mr. Ertel(By Req.) – Approval of FY25-26 Agricultural Preservation Easement Purchases

*Addendum

Bill 79-25

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Office of Human Resources

Personnel Law of Baltimore County

Bill 79-25 implements the changes to the Classification and Compensation Plan as recommended by the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board or required as a result of labor negotiations for FY 2026. The bill also states that the County Executive has approved the recommendations.

Section 1 of the bill provides that Pay Schedules IV, VI-P, VII, and VIII of the Standard Salary Grades for Classified employees as well as the Executive Pay Plan (EPP) are amended to adjust the pay schedules effective January 1, 2026. Specifically, Schedule IV replaces the 27-year longevity with a 26-year longevity. Also, 9-year and 16-year longevities are added to Schedule VI-P for Sheriff's Office employees. In addition, Schedules IV and VI-P for Sheriff's Office employees are each adjusted by 3%, and Schedules VI-P for Emergency Communications employees, VII, VIII, and the EPP are adjusted by 2%.

Section 2 of the bill amends the pay grade for the title of Emergency Communications Manager from 33E to 34E, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 3 of the bill amends a regulation in Rule 10 regarding stand-by pay and call-back pay in Section IV, Compensation Plan Regulations effective January 1, 2026 and applies it retroactively to August 18, 2025. Specifically, Section 3 amends subsections I.1 and J.1 of Regulation 10.01, which lists the employee titles that are eligible for stand-by and call-back pay in order to add the titles of Safety Officers and Training and Emergency Operations Coordinator.

The Office of Budget and Finance (OBF) advised that the FY 2026 budget impact of the proposed changes totals \$3,751,999 and that the FY 2026 adopted budget includes sufficient funds to cover the proposed changes. See Exhibit A for the specific adjustments and associated salary cost impacts, as provided by OBF.

Pursuant to County Code, § 5-1-105, on November 14, 2025, the Office of Budget and Finance provided an actuarial analysis of the retirement-related fiscal impact of Bill 79-25; the actuarial analysis assumed that “changes to the pay schedules will vary by plan group” and will have the following average effects on total salaries: General County – 0.8% increase, General Agency – 0.0% increase, Police – 3.0% increase, Fire – 0.1% increase, and Deputy Sheriff – 0.03% increase. Specifically, the County’s actuary estimated the following retirement-related fiscal impacts:

- a \$5.0 million increase to the County’s Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for FY 2027, with \$4.6 million attributable to Police, \$176 thousand attributable to General Government, \$94 thousand attributable to Fire, \$81 thousand attributable to Sheriff, and \$3 thousand attributable to BCPS and CCBC;
- nearly \$60.0 million of cumulative increases to the ARC over the next ten years; and
- a 0.4 percentage point reduction to the System’s funded status next year – instead of rising to 58.9%, the System’s funded status would only rise to 58.5%.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council and signature by the Executive, the bill will take effect January 1, 2026.

BILL No. 79-25				
I. PAY SCALE ADJUSTMENTS				
PAY SCALE ADJUSTMENTS	EFFECTIVE DATE (ON OR ABOUT)	PAY SCHEDULE	FY 2026 ADJUSTMENT NOTES	FY 2026 GF BUDGET IMPACT
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE - LODGE NUMBER 4	1/1/2026	IV	Mid Year 3% COLA, Longevity 26 replaces Longevity 27	\$3,330,925
PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISORY, MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	1/1/2026	VI-P Emergency Communications	Mid Year 2% COLA, addition of Grade 34E	\$5,542
PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISORY, MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES SHERIFF	1/1/2026	VI-P Sheriff	Add Longevity 9 and Longevity 16, Mid Year 3% COLA	\$18,162
SUPERVISORY, MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL POLICE	1/1/2026	VII	Mid Year 2% COLA	\$87,537
SUPERVISORY, MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL FIRE	1/1/2026	VIII	Mid Year 2% COLA	\$40,773
EXECUTIVE PAY PLAN	1/1/2026	XIV:EPP	Mid Year 2% COLA	\$269,060
			TOTAL	\$3,751,999
GRAND TOTAL				\$3,751,999

Prepared by: Office of Budget and Finance

Bill 80-25 (Supplemental Appropriation)

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Police Department

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of federal funds totaling \$1,000 to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Gifts and Grants Fund program to increase the amount appropriated to the actual amount of the grant award. The Department advised that the funds will be used for commercial vehicle surveillance and enforcement on targeted roads. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Supplemental Appropriation</u>	<u>Current Appropriation</u>	<u>Total Appropriation</u>
County	--	--	--
State	--	--	--
Federal ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,000
Other	--	--	--
Total	\$ 1,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,000

⁽¹⁾ United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration funds passed through the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, Maryland Motor Carrier Division. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Department advised that the purpose of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Program is to increase surveillance and enforcement presence on County roads that are heavily traveled by commercial vehicles or used as bypass routes to avoid Truck Weigh/Inspection Stations (TWIS).

The Department advised that the additional funding will allow officers to provide commercial vehicle enforcement activities in targeted areas. According to the grant award document, the targeted roadways will be selected based on higher truck accident rates and number of citizen complaints regarding trucks and/or use of the roadway(s) to bypass a TWIS.

The FY 2026 Adopted Operating Budget included a \$35,000 appropriation to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Gifts and Grants Fund program based on the estimated amount of the grant award at the time the Department submitted its budget request to the Office of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, this bill appropriates the additional \$1,000 to the program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$36,000 grant award.

The grant period is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The Department advised that no County matching funds are required.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 80-25 will take effect December 14, 2025.

Executive Summary

A grant award of \$36,000 has been received by the Baltimore County Police Department from the Maryland State Highway Administration, exceeding the approved Fiscal 2026 appropriation of \$35,000 by \$1,000. This request is for Council's approval to accept and appropriate the additional \$1,000 in funding.

The Baltimore County Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan grant through the Maryland State Highway Administration allows the Police Department to increase surveillance and enforcement presence on Baltimore County roads that are heavily traveled by commercial vehicles or used as bypass routes to avoid Truck Weigh/Inspection Stations (TWIS).

Prepared by: Police Department

Mr. Jones

**Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the Business, Major (B.M.) Zone –
Animal Boarding Place, Class B**

Bill 81-25 permits an animal boarding place, Class B, in the Business, Major (B.M.) Zone if it is located in a Commercial Revitalization District or a Commercial, Community Core (C.C.C.) District.

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations define an animal boarding place as “any building, other structure or land, or any portion thereof, that is used, intended to be used, or arranged for the boarding, breeding, or other care of animals, except dogs, for profit. An animal boarding place does not include commercial agriculture, as defined in Section 101, or a pet shop, veterinarian's office or veterinarianum.” There are two classes of animal boarding place. A Class A place is exclusively for cats, birds, or other household pets, excluding dogs, while a Class B place is for any other animal boarding place not excluded under the general definition of "animal boarding place."

In addition to the definitions, there are special regulations that govern animal boarding places. Specifically, Section 421.2 of the Zoning Regulations states that “if an animal boarding place, commercial kennel, private kennel or pet shop is allowed in an office, business or manufacturing zone, either as a special exception or as a permitted use, any part of the use, including but not limited to exercise areas, septic systems, dog runs and parking areas, may not be located within 200 feet of the nearest property line or lease line.”

Currently, an animal boarding place, Class A is permitted by-right in the B.M. Zone, which does not implicate Section 421.2. Bill 81-25 would permit an animal boarding place, Class B, in the B.M Zone if it is located in a Commercial Revitalization District or a C.C.C. District. This use would still be subject to the requirements of Section 421.2.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 81-25 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 82-25 (Supplemental Appropriation)**Council District(s) All****Mr. Ertel (By Req.)****Department of Health and Human Services****988 Crisis Hotline Services**

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of state funds totaling \$1,485,889 (as amended) to the 988 Trust Fund Crisis Hotline Services Gifts and Grants Fund program (as amended). The Department advised that the funds will be used to support costs associated with operating the 988 Lifeline Call Center. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,485,889	\$ 600,000	\$ 2,085,889
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 1,485,889</u>	<u>\$ 600,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,085,889</u>

⁽¹⁾ Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration funds. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Department advised that funding will be used to support costs (e.g., counselors, equipment, training, electronic health records) associated with operating the 988 Lifeline Call Center (the local call center for the National Suicide Lifeline) which serves Baltimore County residents who are seeking behavioral health support. The County contracts with Affiliated Santé Group, Inc. to manage the call center 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The call center is a component of

the Baltimore County Crisis Response System (BCCRS). The Department advised that the BCCRS was established in 2001 to provide an accessible, coordinated, and comprehensive system of emergency behavioral health services for County residents at no cost to the individual. BCCRS is a partnership between The Affiliated Santé Group, Inc., the Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health, and the Police Department as part of the State's Mental Health Crisis Response Program. Services are intended to fill service gaps in the system, offering alternatives to dependency on the hospital emergency room and a diversion to arrest, and are designed not to duplicate existing community services. The Department estimates that the 988 Lifeline Call Center will serve 14,000 County residents during FY 2026.

The FY 2026 Adopted Operating Budget included a \$600,000 appropriation to the 988 Trust Fund Crisis Hotline Services Gifts and Grants Fund program based on the estimated amount of the grant award at the time the Department submitted its budget request to the Office of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, this bill (as amended) appropriates the additional \$1,485,889 to the program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$2,085,889 grant award.

Bill 83-25 on this agenda is a supplemental appropriation to the Crisis Services Development/Expansion Program Gifts and Grants Fund program for similar purposes.

The grant period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The Department advised that no County matching funds are required.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 82-25 will take effect December 28, 2025.

Executive Summary

988 Trust Fund Crisis Hotline Services

The Baltimore County Department of Health is seeking a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,485,889.

PURPOSE

This funding will be used to support the 988 Lifeline Call Center for Baltimore County residents who are seeking behavioral health support. Baltimore County has a contract with Affiliated Sante Group for the implementation of the Baltimore County Crisis Response System (BCCRS). Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration is awarding additional funds to Baltimore County for the operation of the 988 Call Center.

BACKGROUND

Since 2023, ASG has served as the Baltimore County 988 Call Center for the National Suicide Lifeline. The service provides behavioral health support with linkage to services and follow-up care as needed. The 988 Call Center manages calls from residents 24-hours per day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year. The 988 Call Center is a component of the BCCRS. Since 2001, the Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) has overseen the implementation of the BCCRS program. BCCRS is a partnership between Baltimore County Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health, the vendor, Affiliated Santé Group, and the Baltimore County Police Department. The goal of the BCCRS is to provide an accessible, coordinated and comprehensive system of behavioral health emergency services for Baltimore County to fill services gaps in the emergency system, offering alternatives to the emergency room, which compliment, but are not a duplicate of existing community services and are short-term and time limited. BCCRS services are available for all residents of Baltimore County at no cost. BCCRS offers a number of different services that make up the crisis system: Hotline/Operation Center (OPS), Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), In-Home Intervention Team (IHIT), Urgent Care Center (UCC), Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), Community Education (CE), 911 Call Center Clinician program and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for Baltimore County Law Enforcement.

FISCAL

Funding \$1,485,889.

Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration to Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services.

Prepared by: Department of Health and Human Services

Bill 83-25 (Supplemental Appropriation)**Council District(s) All****Mr. Ertel (By Req.)****Department of Health and Human Services****Crisis Services Development/Expansion Program**

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of federal funds totaling \$34,794 (as amended) to the Crisis Services Development/Expansion Program Gifts and Grants Fund program. The Department advised that the funds will be used to support costs associated with operating the 988 Lifeline Call Center. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State	--	--	--
Federal ⁽¹⁾	\$ 34,794	\$ 250,000	\$ 284,794
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 34,794</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 284,794</u>

⁽¹⁾ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funds passed through the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Department advised that funding will be used to support costs (e.g., counselors, equipment, training, electronic health records) associated with operating the 988 Lifeline Call Center (the local call center for the National Suicide Lifeline) which serves Baltimore County residents who are seeking behavioral health support. The County contracts with Affiliated Santé Group, Inc. to

manage the call center 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The call center is a component of the Baltimore County Crisis Response System (BCCRS). The Department advised that the BCCRS was established in 2001 to provide an accessible, coordinated, and comprehensive system of emergency behavioral health services for County residents at no cost to the individual. BCCRS is a partnership between The Affiliated Santé Group, Inc., the Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health, and the Police Department as part of the State's Mental Health Crisis Response Program. Services are intended to fill service gaps in the system, offering alternatives to dependency on the hospital emergency room and a diversion to arrest, and are designed not to duplicate existing community services. The Department estimates that the 988 Lifeline Call Center will serve 14,000 County residents during FY 2026.

The FY 2026 Adopted Operating Budget included a \$250,000 appropriation to the Crisis Services Development/Expansion Program Gifts and Grants Fund program based on the estimated amount of the grant award at the time the Department submitted its budget request to the Office of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, this bill (as amended) appropriates the additional \$34,794 to the program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$284,794 grant award.

Bill 82-25 on this agenda is a supplemental appropriation to the 988 Trust Fund Crisis Hotline Services Grant Gifts and Grants Fund program for similar purposes.

The grant period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The Department advised that no County matching funds are required.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 83-25 will take effect December 28, 2025.

Executive Summary

Crisis Services Development/Expansion Program

The Baltimore County Department of Health is seeking a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$34,794.

PURPOSE

This funding will be used to support the 988 Lifeline Call Center for Baltimore County residents who are seeking behavioral health support. Baltimore County has a contract with Affiliated Santé Group for the implementation of the Baltimore County Crisis Response System (BCCRS). Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration is awarding additional funds to Baltimore County for the operation of the 988 Call Center.

BACKGROUND

Since 2023, ASG has served as the Baltimore County 988 Call Center for the National Suicide Lifeline. The service provides behavioral health support with linkage to services and follow-up care as needed. The 988 Call Center manages calls from residents 24-hours per day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year. The 988 Call Center is a component of the BCCRS. Since 2001, the Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH) has overseen the implementation of the BCCRS program. BCCRS is a partnership between Baltimore County Health Department's Bureau of Behavioral Health, the vendor, Affiliated Santé Group, and the Baltimore County Police Department. The goal of the BCCRS is to provide an accessible, coordinated and comprehensive system of behavioral health emergency services for Baltimore County to fill services gaps in the emergency system, offering alternatives to the emergency room, which compliment, but are not a duplicate of existing community services and are short-term and time limited. BCCRS services are available for all residents of Baltimore County at no cost. BCCRS offers a number of different services that make up the crisis system: Hotline/Operation Center (OPS), Mobile Crisis Team (MCT), In-Home Intervention Team (IHIT), Urgent Care Center (UCC), Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), Community Education (CE), 911 Call Center Clinician program and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for Baltimore County Law Enforcement.

FISCAL

Funding \$34,794

Funding from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration passthrough Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration, Federal State & Territory Improvement grant to Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services.

Prepared by: Department of Health and Human Services

Bill 84-25 (Supplemental Appropriation)**Council District(s) All****Mr. Ertel (By Req.)****Department of Aging****Long-Term & Dementia Care Program**

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of State funds totaling \$179,916 to the Long-Term & Dementia Care Program Gifts and Grants Fund program. The funds will be used primarily toward the salary and benefits of a full-time Senior Affairs Associate II, a full-time Human Services Associate, and a 34-hours-per-week Dementia Navigator to provide navigation services that enhance the ability of persons with cognitive decline and dementia and their caregivers to access information, assistance, and long-term services and supports. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State ⁽¹⁾	\$ 179,916	\$ 126,950	\$ 306,866
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 179,916</u>	<u>\$ 126,950</u>	<u>\$ 306,866</u>

⁽¹⁾ Maryland Department of Aging. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Department's Long-Term and Dementia Care program provides navigation services that enhance the abilities of persons with cognitive decline and dementia and their caregivers to access information, assistance, and long-term services and supports. The Department advised

that it plans to use the proposed supplemental appropriation, together with previously appropriated funds, primarily toward the salary and benefits (\$231,746) of a full-time Senior Affairs Associate II (\$79,508), a full-time Human Services Associate (\$78,015), and a new 34-hours-per-week Dementia Navigator (\$74,223) to provide these services. The Department further advised that it will also provide grants for 8 partner memory cafés (\$54,400) and utilize the remaining funds for event speakers, training, travel, and other expenses (\$20,720). The Department expects the program will serve 100 individuals and/or caregivers in FY 2026.

The FY 2026 Adopted Operating Budget included a \$126,950 appropriation to the Long-Term & Dementia Care Program based on the estimated amount of the grant award at the time the Department submitted its budget request to the Office of Budget and Finance. Accordingly, this bill appropriates the additional \$179,916 to the program, increasing the total appropriation to the actual \$306,866 grant award. The grant period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. No County matching funds are required.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 84-25 will take effect December 28, 2025.

Executive Summary

Supplemental Appropriation

Long-Term & Dementia Care Navigation

The Baltimore County Department of Aging is requesting approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$179,916 for the ***Long-Term & Dementia Care Navigation*** program.

The Long-Term & Dementia Care Navigation program is funded by the Maryland Department of Aging to provide navigation services that enhance the ability of persons with cognitive decline and dementia and their caregivers to access information, assistance, and long-term services and supports.

Prepared by: Department of Aging

Bill 86-25 (Supplemental Appropriation)

Council District(s) All

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Fire Department

Assistance to Firefighters

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$1,368,000 in federal funds (\$1,243,636) and County contingency funds (\$124,364 from the FY 2026 Local Share Program) to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Gifts and Grants Fund program. The Department advised that the funds will be used to provide safety, survival, and rescue training for Department personnel. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County ⁽¹⁾	\$ 124,364	--	\$ 124,364
State	--	--	--
Federal ⁽²⁾	1,243,636	--	1,243,636
Other	--	--	--
Total	\$ 1,368,000 ⁽³⁾	--	\$ 1,368,000

⁽¹⁾ The County is required to provide a 10% match. The Department advised that the matching requirement will be met through available contingency funds of \$124,364 within the FY 2026 Local Share program budget.

⁽²⁾ U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds.

⁽³⁾ The County received a total award of \$1,243,636 in federal funds to be utilized over a 2-year period, together with the 10% (\$124,364) County match, for a total budget of \$1,368,000; this bill appropriates both years' federal funding and the corresponding County match.

Analysis

The Department advised that the proposed grant funds, together with County matching funds, will be used to provide safety, survival, and rescue training (e.g., survival and self-rescue, advanced firefighter rescue techniques, and use of thermal imaging cameras), as part of the Department's Firefighter Safety and Survival Training Initiative. The Department further advised that the initiative will be made available to career and volunteer firefighters.

The County received a total award of \$1,243,636 in federal funds to be utilized over a 2-year period; the County is required to provide a 10% match (\$124,364), for a total budget of \$1,368,000. The grant period is October 2, 2025 through October 1, 2027. The Department advised that the matching requirement will be met from available contingency funds within the Local Share Program.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 86-25 will take effect December 28, 2025.

Executive Summary

SUPP-FIR-2025-1365

FY2026 Current Expense Budget

Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Federal Grant Award: EMW-2024-FG-01401

200-C160000-GR1385 \$1,368,000

Baltimore County Fire Department is requesting an amendment for the 2026 Current Expense Budget by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds made available to Baltimore County through the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All matching funds are derived from *Local Shares (RC45200, RC45210)*. FEMA has made an award of federal funds available to the Baltimore County Fire Department to be used for a training initiative to better enhance our team.

This award supports a Training Initiative focused on Advanced Firefighter Rescue and Survival and Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) operations. The program is designed to enhance the safety, survivability, and effectiveness of firefighters operating in high-risk environments.

Through this grant, the Department will deliver NFPA-compliant advanced rescue and survival training and engage nationally recognized third-party experts to provide instruction on the tactical and life-saving applications of thermal imaging cameras in fireground operations. This initiative reinforces our ongoing commitment to firefighter safety, continuous improvement, and operational excellence.

This grant period is October 2, 2025 through October 1, 2027. The appropriation is a split funding opportunity with a 90%-FEMA / 10% County matching award. The total supplemental is in the amount of \$1,368,000, comprised of federal funds in the amount of \$1,243,636 with a matching cost to Baltimore County local shares of \$124,364 for 2 years.

Prepared by: Fire Department

Bill 89-25**Council District(s) All**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Office of Budget and Finance

Bond Ordinance

The Administration is requesting approval of an ordinance that authorizes the issuance, sale, and delivery of: up to \$358 million in (short-term) bond anticipation notes (BANs) for Consolidated Public Improvements (\$198 million) and Metropolitan District (\$160 million) projects; \$358 million in (the associated long-term) General Obligation (G.O.) bonds; and \$3,437,395,000 in refunding bonds (related to the entire callable amount of G.O. bond debt issued by the County between 2010 and 2025, which then could be refinanced). This ordinance also authorizes the County to purchase development rights (Installment Purchase Agreement Program) and to pursue the use of tax-advantaged bond status. The ordinance sets a \$358 million limit on the aggregate principal amount of BANs outstanding at one time. The Office of Budget and Finance advised that the Administration will submit technical amendments to correct several errors in Chart I of the bill, as well as the project classification number for Countywide Improvements in Section 20 of the ordinance.

Fiscal Summary

Proposed Debt Issuance	Maximum Amount
Consolidated Public Improvement (CPI)	\$ 198,000,000
Metropolitan District	160,000,000
Total – General Obligation Bonds	\$ 358,000,000 ⁽¹⁾
CPI Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs)	\$ 198,000,000
Metropolitan District BANs	160,000,000
Total – BANs	\$ 358,000,000 ⁽²⁾
CPI/Metro District Bonds (Refunding Series)	\$ 3,437,395,000 ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Authorization for issuance expires on the latter of December 31, 2026 or upon the expiration of any outstanding BANs.

⁽²⁾ BANs are limited to no more than this amount outstanding at one time.

⁽³⁾ Represents 130% of outstanding bonds authorized to be refunded totaling \$2,644,150,000. Amount to be issued depends on interest rates, issuance costs, and other variables at the time of refunding.

Analysis

This bill authorizes the County to issue up to \$358 million in new G.O. debt, to consist of \$198 million for Consolidated Public Improvements (CPI) and \$160 million for the Metropolitan District. Specifically, the bill authorizes the issuance, sale, and delivery of: up to \$358 million in (short-term) bond anticipation notes (BANs) for CPI (\$198 million) and Metropolitan District (\$160 million) projects; \$358 million in (the associated long-term) G.O. bonds; and \$3,437,395,000 in refunding bonds (related to the entire callable amount of G.O. debt issued by the County between 2010 and 2025, which then could be refinanced). In addition, this bill authorizes the County to purchase development rights (Installment Purchase Agreement Program) and to pursue the use of tax-advantaged bond status.

Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs): BANs are short-term notes sold in anticipation of issuing long-term bonds at a later date when more favorable market conditions may occur. When issued, long-term bond proceeds are used to retire the BANs. The bill limits the aggregate principal amount of BANs outstanding to no more than \$358 million at one time. The bill further provides that the face value of all BANs outstanding may from time to time exceed the limit. According to

the bill, the BANs may be issued at a private sale in the nature of commercial paper or other variable rate demand notes, which are more flexible than issuing fixed-rate notes. Proceeds from the sale of BANs are reinvested until the funds are needed, thereby creating a legal arbitrage profit (i.e., interest earnings from investments exceeding interest cost on BANs). Issuing BANs also allows capital projects to proceed while awaiting more favorable market conditions for issuing long-term bonds. The Office advised that there are no current plans to issue commercial paper BANs; in the event that the County issues BANs, it plans to continue with non-commercial-paper, fixed-rate BANs. However, this ordinance retains the authority to issue commercial paper for flexibility purposes.

Consolidated Public Improvement (CPI) Bonds: This bill authorizes the issuance of CPI bonds, up to the following amounts, for the following types of capital improvements:

Type of Improvement	Maximum Amount
Schools	\$ 123,000,000
Public Works (roads, bridges, sidewalks, storm drains)	34,000,000
Waterway Improvements	21,000,000
Parks, Preservation, Greenways	8,000,000
Community College	4,000,000
Agricultural Land Preservation	3,000,000
Community Improvements	3,000,000
Refuse Disposal	2,000,000
Total	<u>\$ 198,000,000</u>

The voters previously authorized this borrowing on prior-year referenda; the Baltimore County Charter, Section 718 requires that such voter authorization occur prior to the debt issuance. The Council subsequently approved the borrowing as a capital budget funding source.

Repayment of the principal and interest (collectively known as debt service) on the County's CPI debt is guaranteed by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit – and unlimited taxing powers – of the County. This debt service cost is financed by General Fund revenues and is subject to the Spending Affordability Committee's (SAC) debt service guideline, which states that County debt service, including non-general obligation debt, should not exceed 10.5% of General Fund revenues. In addition, the County's debt policy states that the County will maintain a Debt Service to General Fund Revenues ratio in the range of 9.5% to 10.5%.

The bonds must be sold at competitive bid, except for \$3 million in Agricultural Preservation bonds (see next section, below) that may be designated for agricultural property owners according to the Installment Purchase Agreement (IPA) Program and any bonds designated as financed from the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration (MWIFA).

Agricultural Preservation Bonds/Installment Purchase Agreement (IPA) Program: In lieu of issuing all or any of the CPI bonds under the Agricultural Land Preservation Borrowing Plan Ordinance, the bill authorizes the issuance of IPAs to purchase development rights in accordance with Section 12-902 of the Local Government Article.

The IPA option was established in June 2007 to encourage agricultural landowners to sell land or land preservation easements to the County. Many landowners would have to pay high capital gains tax when selling land or easements for cash. Through the IPA Program, the County pays the purchase price in a lump sum after a period of up to 30 years, thus allowing the seller to defer capital gains tax, and the seller receives tax-exempt interest at a pre-established rate on the purchase price in the interim. The interest paid by the County is exempt from both federal and State income tax. The Office advised that other benefits of IPA bonds for landowners include better estate planning since heirs can use cash from the sale to pay estate taxes. Landowners can also sell IPAs to bond investors for cash prior to their maturities. An IPA has two payment components, interest paid semi-annually and a balloon principal payment after a period of up to 30 years. The Office advised that the County has not utilized the IPA tool in over a decade.

Metropolitan District Bonds: The purpose of the Metropolitan District bonds is to finance the construction of improvements to the Metropolitan District sewer and water system. The debt service on these bonds is financed by sewer and water assessments and charges levied against all users in the Metropolitan District. If the sewer and water revenues are insufficient to finance the debt service, the County may levy a tax on all properties in the Metropolitan District or in the County to finance any deficiency. Metropolitan District debt does not require voter approval. The total outstanding balance of Metropolitan District debt as of September 30, 2025, plus the net of additional Metropolitan District debt authorized by this bill, totals \$2,610,066,073. This level of Metropolitan District debt is compliant with the County Code limitation (3.2% of assessed property value).

General Obligation Refunding Bonds: This bill also authorizes the County to sell \$3,437,395,000 of refunding bonds to refinance the callable amounts of outstanding CPI and Metropolitan District bonds issued between 2010 and 2025, which total \$2,644,150,000. Exhibits

A and B, respectively, list the callable bonds by issuance date for CPI bonds (\$1,285,690,000) and Metropolitan District bonds (\$1,358,460,000). The refunding bond authority totals 130% of the outstanding principal amount.

Under a refunding, the outstanding debt is “defeased” (nullified) by the issuance of new debt, the proceeds of which are placed in a trust fund. The amount of proceeds required depends on factors such as current interest rates, the remaining term of the original bonds, bid discount, and costs of issuance. The trust fund invests the proceeds in U.S. Government obligations and guarantees the debt service (interest and redemption payments) on the original debt. The County is then obligated to make debt service payments only on the new issue. Approval of the refunding is requested without an expiration date so that the Office can access the credit market as favorable market conditions occur. The benefit to the County is derived from the difference between the interest rate paid on the original debt, and the related costs and the rate to be paid on the issuance of the refunding bonds. The debt service savings to be realized due to this refinancing authorization are dependent upon the timing of the refunding and the applicable interest rates and, therefore, cannot be determined at this time.

The refunding bonds may be sold at such times and in such manner as shall be determined by the County Executive; the Executive must give the County Council prior notice of such issuance. The refunding bonds may be sold at a private, negotiated sale unless the County Executive determines that it is in the best interest of the County to sell the bonds through a competitive bid process. The Office advised that the County’s most recent refunding, which occurred via a private, negotiated sale on September 4, 2024, consisted of \$72,855,000 of Metropolitan District bonds and \$104,175,000 of CPI bonds with a net present value savings of \$2.12 million.

Tax-Advantaged Obligations: As in the past, the Administration is requesting authority to take necessary action, when entitled, to ensure bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance are afforded a tax-advantaged status. The necessary actions may include, but are not limited to, covenants or agreements relating to proceeds and earnings and elections and designations as required under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to assure proper entitlement to a subsidy or tax credit benefit for both the issuer and holder. The County has previously issued tax-advantaged obligations (e.g., Qualified School Construction Bonds and Build America Bonds); these programs expired on December 31, 2010. However, the Office previously advised that retaining the authority to issue tax-advantaged obligations is in the best interest of the County in the event that Congress should choose to renew these provisions.

The Office advised that in September 2024, the County refinanced the last of its outstanding Build America Bonds that were originally sold in 2010.

Administrative Costs: The Office advised that estimated one-time administrative costs associated with this borrowing ordinance total \$524,000 as follows:

Rating agencies	\$ 450,000
Bond counsel	55,000
BAN auction agent	15,000
Financial printing, advertising, other	4,000
Total	<u>\$ 524,000</u>

The Office further advised that rating agency fees for the G.O. bonds will be paid from the premium proceeds anticipated from each issuance.

Other: The bill states that any premium funds received from the sale of bonds and BANs shall be set apart in a separate account and can be used for the first interest payments on those bonds and BANs or allocated for other expenditure purposes permitted under federal income tax law. The bill also states that any earnings from the investment of proceeds of CPI bonds and BANs and Metropolitan District bonds and BANs may be treated as general revenues and applied to the general purposes of the County and Baltimore County Metropolitan District, respectively. The bill further states that the County Executive or County Administrative Officer may designate specific expenditures to be paid from such earnings. The Office previously advised that such language regarding the use of premium funds and earnings constitutes appropriation authority, despite its lack of specificity as to the amount(s), program(s), and fiscal year(s) of the expenditure authorization.

In March 2025, the County issued \$168 million in CPI bonds (new debt) at a true interest cost of 3.75% and \$179 million in Metropolitan District bonds (new debt) at a true interest cost of 4.25%, with a 5% interest rate payable by the County for both the CPI and Metropolitan District bonds. The Office advised that the County received a total of \$19.6 million in CPI bond premium and \$16.3 million in Metro bond premium funds from the issuance (net of underwriter's discount and issuance costs). The premiums were used to fund capital projects. The Office further advised that it chose long-term bonds over short-term BANS for issuing new debt because short-term rate increases made the ability to lock in long-term rates a more favorable option. The Office also advised that the decision to issue bonds or BANS in March 2026 will be determined at the time of sale.

Planned Issuance

The Office advised that in March 2026, it plans to issue up to \$198 million in CPI bonds and up to \$160 million in Metropolitan District and Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration (MWIFA) bonds. The Office further advised that the Metropolitan District and CPI bond issuances will be structured to have level total payments after the first year. The Office anticipates that its March 2026 CPI bonds and Metropolitan District bonds issuances will have true interest costs of 3.70% and 4.27%, respectively, and each will have an anticipated coupon rate of 5.0%. True interest costs are subject to the market environment at the time of sale.

The Office advised that it currently projects premiums of \$24.7 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, from the March 2026 CPI and Metropolitan District bond issuances. The Office noted that the premiums will be based on bids from the underwriter. The Office further advised that the premiums will be used to pay rating agency fees (estimated at \$524,000), and the balance will be used to fund capital projects. In addition, the County expects to commit approximately \$50 million in MWIFA bonds at an anticipated interest rate of 1.6% to 2.0%, with issuances to occur at various times throughout the year.

Interest payments from the March 2026 CPI and Metropolitan District bond issuances are anticipated to begin in September 2026; principal payments from the March 2026 CPI and Metropolitan District bond issuances are anticipated to begin in March 2027. The Office advised that if the County were to issue BANs in March 2026, there would be no principal payments due in FY 2027; the decision of whether to sell BANs will be determined based on the interest rate environment at the time of sale.

The bill indicates that the outstanding balance of County G.O. debt as of September 30, 2025 plus the net balance of additional G.O. debt authorized by this bill, totals \$2,515,875,000. This level of outstanding debt (including pension obligation debt) is compliant with the County Charter limitation (4% of assessed property value). Projected debt as of June 30, 2026 subject to the guidelines adopted by the Spending Affordability Committee (excluding pension obligation debt) remains within maximum recommended levels. See Exhibit C.

According to the County's financial consultant Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG) in its 2025 Debt Study (dated November 14, 2025), the County is anticipating a net-tax supported debt position of \$2.321 billion at the end of FY 2030, an increase of \$11.0 million from the net-tax supported debt position of \$2.310 billion that was anticipated at the end of FY 2030 in the 2024

Debt Study. Future debt ratios, as projected by PRAG, fall within legal limits and comply with the debt affordability guidelines of the County's Spending Affordability Committee (SAC).

The 2025 PRAG study noted that Baltimore County is one of 50 counties in the nation and ten in Maryland with triple triple-A bond ratings. The study further noted that, given the emphasis on the County's reserves and General Fund balance by the rating agencies, the County may consider increasing the targeted level of Unreserved General Fund balance (inclusive of the Revenue Stabilization Account) from the current level of 10% to 15% of revenues, while raising the floor from 7% to 10%; the study indicates that the Unreserved General Fund balance was estimated to be approximately 23.3% of General Fund Revenues as of June 30, 2025

The authority to issue the G.O. bonds proposed by Bill 89-25 expires on the latter of December 31, 2026 or upon expiration of any outstanding BANs.

Bill 89-25 will take effect 45 days after its enactment.

CHART II			
Outstanding Issues	Dated Date	Callable Maturities	Aggregate Principal Amount of Callable Bonds
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2010 Series B (QSCBs)	11/9/10	11/1/29	\$19,950,000
Baltimore County Taxable General Obligation Bonds – 2012 Series	12/13/12	8/1/24-8/1/27, 8/1/32, 8/1/42	\$179,645,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2015 Refunding Series	6/30/15	8/1/26-8/1/27	\$17,735,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2016 Series	3/8/16	2/1/27-2/1/36	\$58,000,000
Baltimore County Taxable General Obligation Bonds – 2016 Series	8/3/16	7/1/24-7/1/36, 7/1/46	\$117,660,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2017 Series	3/15/17	3/1/28-3/1/37	\$52,100,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2018 Series	3/16/18	3/1/29-3/1/38	\$77,310,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2019 Series	3/18/19	3/1/30-3/1/39	\$152,425,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2020 Series	3/19/20	3/1/31-3/1/40	\$157,180,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2021 Series	3/22/21	3/1/32-3/1/41	\$89,845,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2021 Refunding Series	3/22/21	8/1/32	\$11,055,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2022 Series	3/23/22	3/1/33-3/1/42	\$139,415,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2023 Series	3/24/23	3/1/34-3/1/43	\$18,590,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2024 Series	7/24/24	7/1/35-7/1/44	\$82,095,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2024 Refunding Series	7/2/24	2/1/35	\$5,340,000
Baltimore County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds – 2025 Series	4/1/25	3/1/36-3/1/45	\$107,345,000
Total			\$1,285,690,000

CHART III			
Outstanding Issues	Dated Date	Callable Maturities	Aggregate Principal Amount of Callable Bonds
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (75 th Issue)	12/12/12	8/1/33-8/1/39, 8/1/42	\$20,000,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2012 Refunding Series	12/12/12	8/1/28-8/1/32	\$8,205,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2015 Refunding Series	6/30/15	8/1/26-8/1/30	\$47,865,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (78 th Issue)	3/8/16	2/1/27-2/1/41, 2/1/46	\$58,000,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2016 Refunding Series	3/8/16	2/1/27-2/1/38	\$64,205,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (79 th Issue)	3/15/17	3/1/28-3/1/37, 3/1/42, 3/1/47	\$68,000,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (80 th Issue)	3/16/18	3/1/29-3/1/45, 3/1/48	\$185,190,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (81 st Issue)	3/18/19	3/1/30-3/1/40, 3/1/44, 3/1/49	\$203,275,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2019 Refunding Series	8/6/19	11/1/30-11/1/39	\$32,315,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (82 nd Issue)	3/19/20	3/1/31-3/1/50	\$34,050,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (83 rd Issue)	3/22/21	3/1/32-3/1/51	\$167,010,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2021 Refunding Series	3/22/21	8/1/32-8/1/41	\$33,505,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (84 th Issue)	3/24/23	3/1/34-3/1/53	\$182,405,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (85 th Issue)	7/24/24	7/1/35-7/1/54	\$36,480,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2024 Refunding Series	7/24/24	2/1/35-2/1/45	\$43,115,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds 2024A Refunding Series	9/17/24	1/1/36-1/1/41, 1/1/43, 1/1/44	\$27,505,000
Baltimore County Metropolitan District Bonds (86 th Issue)	4/1/25	3/1/36-3/1/55	\$147,335,000
Total			\$1,358,460,000

CAPITAL BUDGET- DEBT AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES

Debt Service⁽¹⁾ as % of General Fund Revenue

Guideline - 10.5% of General Fund Revenue ⁽²⁾	\$ 289,315,074
FY 2026 Budget	<u>(266,125,868)</u>
Under (Over) Guideline	<u>\$ 23,189,206</u>

Debt Outstanding⁽¹⁾ as % of Total Property Value

Guideline - 2.5% of Assessed Property Value	\$ 2,866,253,600
Estimated Debt Outstanding as of 6/30/2026	<u>(2,002,730,578)</u>
Under (Over) Guideline	<u>\$ 863,523,022</u>

Legal Debt Limit ⁽³⁾

Estimated Assessable Base	\$ 114,650,144,000
	x 4%
Debt Limit Equal to 4% of Assessable Base	<u>\$ 4,586,005,760</u>
Estimated Debt Outstanding as of 6/30/2026	
Public Facility Bonds	\$ 667,578,000
Public School Bonds	997,554,000
Pension Obligation Bonds	285,413,000
Community College Bonds	<u>110,643,000</u>
	<u>(2,061,188,000)</u>
Under (Over) Legal Debt Limit	<u>\$ 2,524,817,760</u>

(1) Excludes Pension Obligation and Metropolitan District bonds

(2) Estimated total revenues as provided by the Office of Budget and Finance.

(3) Excludes Certificates of Participation, Capital Leases, and Metropolitan District bonds.

Bill 90-25

Council District(s) 5

Mr. Marks

Zoning Regulations – Honeygo Area – Sidewalks

Bill 90-25 establishes an exception to the requirement that all streets in the Honeygo Area have sidewalks.

Currently, all streets in the Honeygo Area must have sidewalks and must be planted with trees according to the standards for the street classification, as defined by the Honeygo Overlay District Design Guidelines. The bill would establish an exception that states that sidewalks are not required to connect a single-family development with a public road if a hiker-biker pathway has already been built connecting that development to a public road.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 90-25 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

FM-1 (Contract)

Council District(s) All

Office of Information Technology

Installation, Data Migration, Testing & Support – Red Hat Server Upgrade

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract with Mitchell & McCormick, Inc. to install, configure, migrate, and test software required to upgrade the development and production servers for the Virtual HealthNet (VHN), which is the Department of Health's electronic health record system. The contract commences upon Council approval and continues until the contractor completes the required services, which the Office estimates will take approximately 6 months. The contract as submitted provides that compensation may not exceed \$57,000 for the entire term; however, the Office advised that the cost has increased to \$59,000. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Maximum Compensation	Notes
County	\$ 57,000	(1) Capital Projects Fund (Enhanced Productivity Thru Technology Fund).
State	--	(2) For the entire term, estimated to extend approximately six months. The contract as submitted provides that compensation may not exceed \$57,000; however, the Office advised that the cost has increased to \$59,000.
Federal	--	
Other ⁽¹⁾	--	
Total	<u>\$ 57,000</u> ⁽²⁾	

Analysis

The contractor will install, configure, migrate, and test software required to upgrade the development and production servers for the Virtual HealthNet (VHN), which is the Department of Health's electronic health record system. The Office advised that the system is comprised of multiple virtual servers and production and non-production environments, which are located at the Office's primary data center. Specifically, the Office advised that the Red Hat Linux upgrade is necessary to ensure continued support, security compliance, and compatibility with existing

applications of the electronic health record system; the upgrade will enhance system performance, improve application speed, and strengthen overall cybersecurity. The Office noted that Visual HealthNet must remain current with all critical system updates in order for the Department to maintain access to essential health records and services and ensure the continued flow of agency operations, including the delivery of critical health services.

The contract commences upon Council approval and continues until the required services are completed, which the Office estimates will take approximately 6 months. The contract as submitted provides that compensation may not exceed \$57,000 for the entire term; however, the Office advised that the cost has increased to \$59,000. The contract further provides that 50% of the cost will be billed at the execution of the contract; 25% will be billed once the development server configuration is completed; and the final 25% will be billed upon project completion when written signoff has been provided by the County. The County may terminate the agreement by providing prior written notice.

The County initiated a sole-source procurement process with the proposed contractor because Mitchell & McCormick, Inc. is the sole owner and developer of the proprietary Visual HealthNet electronic health record system, and as the system developer, it is uniquely qualified to perform the required upgrade, data migration, and testing for the Red Hat server upgrade.

On November 21, 2003, the then-County Administrative Officer approved a 10-year contract not to exceed \$3,245,440 with Mitchell & McCormick, Inc. to provide the Electronic Medical Record Visual HealthNet product, including product licenses, maintenance, support, upgrades, and all related products and services, as a cooperative procurement from a competitively-bid Rowan County (North Carolina) Department of Health agreement that was dated January 22, 2003. On November 26, 2019, the then-County Administrative Officer approved an amendment to the agreement, to extend the contract term by three years to November 20, 2022. On May 10, 2022, the then-County Administrative Officer approved a second amendment to the agreement, to extend the contract term by three years and increase the maximum compensation by \$504,560 to \$3,750,000 for the entire contract term. The Office advised that the County is planning to further extend the agreement beyond its November 20, 2025 expiration and increase the maximum compensation via a third contract amendment. The County's financial system indicates that, as of November 10, 2025, the County has expended/encumbered \$3,385,710 under the contract.

County Charter, Section 902(f), states that "when... [competitive] bidding is not appropriate, a contract shall be awarded only by competitive negotiations, unless such negotiations are not

feasible. When neither competitive bidding nor competitive negotiations are feasible, contracts may be awarded by noncompetitive negotiations.”

County Charter, Section 715, requires that “any contract must be approved by the County Council before it is executed if the contract is...for services for a term in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year....”

Executive Summary

Summary – This fiscal matter is for a one-time purchase with Mitchell and McCormick to install, configure, migrate and test software required to upgrade the development and production servers for the Virtual HealthNet (VHN) which is the Department of Health’s electronic health record system.

Purpose – This upgrade is to update to the VHN servers from version 6 to the latest operating system, Red Hat Linux 8. The current version is out of support. Upgrading to the latest version should result in enhanced application speed and security.

Fiscal - If approved by Council, the total compensation will not exceed the \$59,000 for the upgrade.

Prepared by: Office of Information Technology

FM-3 (Contract)

Council District(s) All

Department of Public Works and Transportation

Compressed Tank Recycling Services

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract with Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. for the removal and processing of compressed cylinders and tanks at the County’s solid waste facilities (i.e., Central Acceptance Facility (CAF), Eastern Sanitary Landfill (ESL), and Western Acceptance Facility (WAF)). The contract commenced July 1, 2025, continues through December 31, 2025, and may not exceed \$25,000 unless approved by the Council. If approved, the contract will continue through June 30, 2026 and will renew automatically for four additional 1-year periods with the option to extend the initial term or any renewal term an additional 120 days. The contract provides that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Department advised that estimated compensation totals \$160,000 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Total Compensation	Notes
County ⁽¹⁾	\$ 160,000	⁽¹⁾ General Fund Operating Budget.
State	--	⁽²⁾ Estimate for the entire 5-year and 4-month term.
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	\$ 160,000 ⁽²⁾	

Analysis

The contractor will provide all labor, materials, tools, and equipment necessary for the removal and processing of compressed cylinders and tanks from the County’s solid waste management facilities to include the CAF, ESL, and WAF. The Department advised that these items cannot be

landfilled as they present an explosion danger if crushed; thus, a contractor is required to process them for recycling. Unit prices range from \$2.78 to \$67.50, depending on the type and size of tank to be removed.

The contract commenced July 1, 2025, continues until December 31, 2025, and may not exceed \$25,000 unless approved by the Council. If approved, the contract will continue through June 30, 2026 and will renew automatically for four additional 1-year periods with the option to extend the initial term or any renewal term an additional 120 days on the same terms and conditions, unless the County provides notice of non-renewal. The contract provides that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Department advised that estimated compensation totals \$160,000 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods. The County may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The Department requested that the proposed contract be designated as a noncompetitive 902(f) award secured in the best interest of the County. The Department advised that other vendors are capable of recycling emptied propane tanks; however, Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. uses a proprietary system to save the gas and remove the valves from the canisters, so that they pose no risk during the recycling process. The Department also advised that the contractor is the County's current service provider and uniquely positioned to continue servicing the County's facilities. The Department further advised that pricing established under the proposed contract has been evaluated against historical rates and similar contracts awarded by other Maryland jurisdictions.

On September 21, 2020, the Council approved a similar 5-year and 4-month contract (which commenced September 1, 2019) with Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. The contract expired August 31, 2024; the Department continued to utilize unspent funds on an open purchase order for these services through June 30, 2025. According to the County's financial system, as of November 7, 2025, expenditures under the contract through June 30, 2025 totaled \$150,079. The Department is requesting retroactive approval of the proposed contract to July 1, 2025 in order to include expenditures under an existing purchase order that also commenced July 1, 2025 to pay for services incurred after June 30, 2025. The Department estimates that the value of services to be provided under the existing purchase order prior to Council approval totals \$5,000.

County Charter, Section 902(f), states that "when... [competitive] bidding is not appropriate, a contract shall be awarded only by competitive negotiations, unless such negotiations are not

feasible. When neither competitive bidding nor competitive negotiations are feasible, contracts may be awarded by noncompetitive negotiations.”

County Charter, Section 715, requires that “any contract must be approved by the County Council before it is executed if the contract is...for services for a term in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year....”

Executive Summary

Vendor Name: Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc

Scope of Contract: The Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) has entered into a contract with Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. to provide all labor, materials, and equipment needed for the refurbishment of compressed gas tanks to ensure they are in compliance with environmental regulations. Through this contract, DPWT aims to ensure safe handling and proper disposal of compressed gas containers discarded at our facilities.

Term: The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year. The County reserves the right to renew this contract for up to four (4) additional one-year renewal options under the same terms and conditions.

Vendor Selection Method: Best Qualified, Non- Competitively, Experienced

MBE%: 0%

Other Pertinent Information: Agreement between Baltimore County and Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc agrees to perform all services, in strict and entire conformity with the attachments described in the contracts.

Prepared by: Department of Public Works and Transportation

FM-6 (Amendment to Contract)

Council District(s) All

Office of Budget and Finance

Employee Benefit Advisory Services

The Administration is requesting approval of an amendment to a contract with Bolton Partners, Inc. to continue to provide financial and actuarial consulting services for Baltimore County employee and retiree health benefit plans. The Office advised that the proposed amendment, which commences January 1, 2026 and extends the contract to incorporate five additional one-year renewal periods through December 31, 2030, is necessary to maintain continuity of critical employee benefit advisory services and to align with the extension of the underlying cooperative agreement. The proposed amendment also removes the existing compensation cap of \$1,000,000 and limits the compensation to the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term; the Office advised that estimated compensation totals \$1,793,000 for the entire 9-year term, including the renewal periods and optional 3-month extension period. The contract commenced April 1, 2022. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Current Maximum Compensation	Amended Estimated Compensation ⁽²⁾
County ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,793,000
State	--	--
Federal	--	--
Other	--	--
Total	\$ 1,000,000 ⁽³⁾	\$ 1,793,000 ⁽⁴⁾

⁽¹⁾ General Fund Operating Budget.
⁽²⁾ The proposed amendment removes the existing compensation cap and limits compensation to the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term.
⁽³⁾ Current maximum compensation for the original 4-year term, including renewal and extension periods.
⁽⁴⁾ Estimated compensation for the entire amended 9-year term, including renewal and extension periods; amount exceeds the previous maximum compensation by \$793,000.

Analysis

The contractor will continue to provide employee benefits consulting services including analysis, review, and studies with interim and final written reports on an as-needed basis. Potential tasks include the following:

- Formulation of benefit plan objectives, analysis of plan design, and recommendation of plan design changes;
- Market benchmarking and cost analysis;
- Coordination of annual health plan renewal, including vendor rate negotiations and self-insured rate calculations;
- Assistance with retiree insurance plan design/implementation related to the County's short- and long-term strategies;
- Analysis of existing benefits programs costs, including calculation of IBNR (Incurred But Not Reported) reserve levels for self-insured plans;
- Preparation of consolidated cost reporting for health insurance plans on a periodic basis;
- Preparation of request for proposal specifications, evaluation of technical and cost responses, and assistance with establishing contracts for various benefits plans, including health insurance (medical, dental, vision, etc.), life insurance, disability insurance, and voluntary benefits (and related plans);
- Assistance with benefit plan communication materials and/or presentations;
- Discrimination testing of the County's benefits package;
- Review and updating of the County's Section 125 plan document;
- Performance of studies related to changes in local, state or federal laws, including changes required by the Affordable Care Act;
- Provision of general professional benefits consulting services; and
- Actuarial and consulting services regarding Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities.

Under the existing contract, Baltimore County pays a blended hourly labor rate of \$278.49 for CY 2025, which the Office previously advised the County negotiated to replace the hourly rates in the cooperative procurement (Frederick County agreement) based on the specialty/level of experience of staff to be assigned to each originally planned task. According to the proposed amendment, this blended rate will increase annually by the lesser of 5% or the annual increase in accordance with the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) – Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV – All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unlike the original contract, the proposed

amended contract does not incorporate a schedule of compensation to account for annual rate increases.

On March 21, 2022, the Council approved the original contract (effective April 1, 2022) with compensation not to exceed \$1,000,000 over its entire 4-year term, including renewal and extension periods. The proposed amendment, which commences on January 1, 2026, extends the contract through December 31, 2030 (the contract also includes an optional 3-month extension period, which could allow the contract to continue until March 31, 2031). Additionally, the proposed amendment removes the existing compensation cap and limits the compensation to the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term; the Department advised that estimated compensation totals \$1,793,000 for the entire amended 9-year term, including the additional renewal and extension periods (an increase of \$793,000). All other terms and conditions remain the same. According to the County's financial system, as of November 12, 2025, expenditures/encumbrances under the contract totaled \$692,135.

The County awarded the original contract as a cooperative procurement of an existing competitively-bid Frederick County contract awarded in January 2020 based on best value from 3 proposals received. The contract does not include an M/WBE participation requirement. The Office advised that the extension under the proposed amendment will align with a Frederick County amendment to the underlying contract (which was effective September 8, 2025), extending the expiration date by five years to December 31, 2030.

The County's financial system indicates that as of November 12, 2025, the County has one other contract with Bolton Partners, Inc. for actuarial service associated with the Employees' Retirement System.

County Charter, Section 715, requires that "any contract must be approved by the County Council before it is executed if the contract is...for services for a term in excess of two years or involving the expenditure of more than \$25,000 per year...."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Administration is requesting an Amendment to the current contract with Bolton Partners, Inc for Benefit Advisory and Actuarial services for our health and life insurance programs and our Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust.

Upon successful Council approval the contract will commence on January 1, 2026.

The original contract was a cooperative procurement that was competitively bid by Frederick County.

The extension of the County's contract with Bolton Partners, Inc will maintain continuity of critical employee benefit advisory services and align with the extension of the underlying contract upon which this agreement is cooperatively procured.

Bolton Partners provides comprehensive expertise in benefit plan design, cost analysis, actuarial review, and compliance, supporting the County's complex employee and retiree benefit programs. Their longstanding partnership preserves valuable institutional knowledge, historical data insight, and a deep understanding of the County's benefit structure and cost drivers. Extending this contract ensures stability, efficiency, and consistent advisory support during annual renewals, OPEB valuations, vendor negotiations, and evolving regulatory requirements—minimizing disruption and safeguarding the County's ability to make informed, cost-effective benefits decisions.

Prepared by: Office of Budget and Finance

MB-1 (Res. 62-25)

Council District(s) 3, 4, & 5

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Department of Planning

Approval of FY 25-26 Agricultural Preservation Easement Purchases

The Administration is requesting approval of the County’s contribution toward the State’s purchase of 10 development rights easements totaling approximately 562.0 acres through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation FY 2025-2026 easement cycle. The request would provide \$5,078,845 of County matching funds to the State for the purchase of the easements. The combined purchase price of the easements totals \$7,302,973. The 10 properties are located within Agricultural Preservation Priority Areas. See Exhibits A and B.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Combined Purchase Price	Notes
County ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5,078,845	⁽¹⁾ Capital Projects Fund. The Department advised that the County funds consist of \$460,000 in agricultural transfer tax revenues and the remainder in bond funding. ⁽²⁾ Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. ⁽³⁾ Total of State-approved purchase prices.
State ⁽²⁾	2,224,128	
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	\$ 7,302,973 ⁽³⁾	

Analysis

On September 16, 2024 (Resolution 40-24), the Council approved 11 recommended easement applications to be submitted to the State for purchase consideration. The Department of Planning and the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board ranked the 11 properties

based on an analysis of the benefits per acre (including soil analysis) and costs per acre. The Department advised that the State made easement purchase offers to all 11 property owners, and 10 property owners accepted the offers; all 10 properties are located within designated Agricultural Preservation Priority Areas.

The Department advised that the purchased easements are held by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (Foundation); the County and the Baltimore County Land Preservation Advisory Board review landowner requests for approved activities, and the County monitors compliance. Agricultural Article §2-511 of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes minimum and maximum purchase prices for the Foundation easements at 25% and 75% of the fair market value of the land, respectively (unless the owner's asking price is less than 25% of the fair market value).

Purchases of easements by the Foundation may be made from the State's general allotment allocation, the State's matching allocation, and the reallocation of any remaining general allotment funds after allocations to all counties have been made. General allotment funds do not require a county contribution; matching fund purchases require a county to contribute at least 40% of the amount not funded by the general allotment fund. The Department advised that the 10 easement purchases will be funded with \$2,224,128 of State matching and general allotment funds and \$5,078,845 of County matching funds for a total cost of \$7,302,973. The County matching funds may be financed by Agricultural Transfer Tax revenue, General Funds (PAYGO), and General Obligation bonds.

The 10 easements to be purchased are located in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Councilmanic Districts. The related acreages and the County's share of the purchase prices are as follows:

Property Owner(s)	Easement Acres ⁽¹⁾	County Share of Easement Cost	Total Easement Cost
Badders, Timothy & Donna	37.93	\$ 398,213	\$ 398,212
Font Hill Properties, LLC	80.94	388,500	971,250
Laudenklos, Brenda & Ernest	23.80	309,400	309,400
Maple Spring Farms Partnership	47.96	593,250	593,250
Pierce, Thomas	42.58	574,875	574,875
Radebaugh, John B. & John T.	39.84	246,720	557,788
Svec, Igor & Robin (North)	59.81	747,684	747,684
Svec, Igor & Robin (South)	32.39	404,816	404,816
Uhler, Eula Mae	126.91	446,388	1,776,698
Vaartjes, Dana et al	69.86	969,000	969,000
Total	<u>562.02</u>	<u>\$ 5,078,845</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>\$ 7,302,973</u>

(1) Reflects acreage per Resolution 62-25, which may differ slightly from Resolution 40-24 due to minor acreage adjustments and/or acreage for which the landowner is not paid.

(2) May not foot due to rounding.

The Department advised that approval of these purchases will add approximately 562 acres to the 27,465 acres of farmland currently preserved through the Foundation in Baltimore County. On February 3, 2025, the Council approved the County's contribution toward the State's purchase of 3 development rights easements totaling approximately 251 acres through the Foundation's FY 2024 easement cycle. The Department advised that the total acreage preserved in the County through all preservation programs as of September 2025 is 72,502; the County's goal is to protect at least 80% (101,530 acres) of the prime agricultural and forestlands within the County's Agricultural Priority Preservation Area, and as of October 2025, the County has preserved 64% (64,926 acres).

The Annotated Code of Maryland, Agriculture Article (Title 2, Subtitle 5), and the Baltimore County Code, Article 24, Land Preservation (Titles 2 and 3), require Council approval of development rights easements to be purchased by the Foundation.

This resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

Stephen Lafferty, Director
Executive Summary
DATE: October 6, 2025

This resolution is to approve the County's contribution towards the purchase of ten agricultural easements through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation FY 25-26 easement cycle.

The Department of Planning requests the County Council approve \$5,078,845.05 in Matching Funds for the purchase of ten (10) agricultural easements on +/- 562 acres. The total cost of the easements is \$7,302,973.05 with State funds making up the difference.

County Council Resolution 40-24 (September 16, 2024) approved and ranked eleven (11) applications to sell an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. Appraisals were conducted and offers were extended based upon state funding, County's commitment of funds, and priority order set by County Council Resolution 40-24. The farm acreage indicated on this Resolution for easement offers may differ from that on Resolution 40-24 because of minor acreage adjustments and/or acreage for which the landowner is not paid such as the acre around an existing dwelling.

The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Easement Program is an integral part of the County's preservation strategy with its emphasis on protecting highly productive farmland to foster the farming industry in the State. As of September 2025, the total acreage of preserved land in the County through all land preservation easement programs is 72,502 acres. The County's land preservation goal is to protect at least 80% of the prime agricultural and forestlands within the County's Agricultural Priority Preservation Areas. The acreage counted towards this goal in the Agricultural Priority Preservation Areas includes land protected by conservation easements, forest conservation easements, and open space including parkland. Reaching the 80% goal equates to protecting 101,530 acres through these programs. As of October 2025, there are 64,926 acres (64%) protected in the Agricultural Priority Preservation Areas.

All ten of these farms are outside the URDL, within Tier 4 areas, and within the 2030 Master Plan delineated Agricultural Priority Preservation Areas. A map indicating the location of the ten proposed easements is attached and a brief description of each property is provided below:

Name: Badders, Timothy & Donna

Address: 1700 White Hall Rd, White Hall, MD 21161 (Map 27, Parcels 396 & 416)

Easement Acreage: 37.925

County Council District: 3rd

Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4

Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area

Farm Ownership/Operation: Owner Operated/ Cattle

Name: Maple Spring Farms Partnership (Burchett, Thomas & Stacy)
Address: MD/PA line-off Steltz Rd, Freeland, MD 21053 (Map 1, Parcel 9)
Easement Acreage: 47.956
County Council District: 3rd
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Owner Operated/ Grain

Name: Font Hill Properties, LLC
Address: 2324 Butler Rd, Butler, MD 21136 (Map 33, Parcel 6)
Easement Acreage: 80.94
County Council District: 3rd
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ grain (corn/soy) rotation

Name: Laudenklos, Ernest & Brenda
Address: New Cut Rd, Kingsville, MD 21087 (Map 54, Parcel 47)
Easement Acreage: 23.8
County Council District: 5th
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/RC 5/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ grain (corn/soy) rotation

Name: Pierce, Thomas H.
Address: Black Rock Rd, Upperco, MD 21055 (Map 26, Parcel 21)
Easement Acreage: 42.5833
County Council District: 3rd
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ grain (corn/soy) rotation

Name: Radebaugh, John Travis & John Bennett
Address: 21515 Keeney Mill Rd, Freeland, MD 21053 (Map 2, Parcel 47)
Easement Acreage: 39.842
County Council District: 3rd
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ RC 8/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ Cattle, Hay, Grain

Name: Svec, Igor & Robin (North)
Address: Openshaw Rd, White Hall, MD 21161 (Map 13, Parcel 16)
Easement Acreage: 59.8147
County Council District: 3rd

Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ hay, vegetables

Name: Svec, Igor & Robin (South)
Address: 2629 Openshaw Rd, White Hall, MD 21161 (Map 13, Parcels 125 & 134)
Easement Acreage: 32.3853
County Council District: 3rd
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ hay, vegetables

Name: Uhler, Eula Mae
Address: 5900 Emory Road, Upperco, MD 21155 (Map 31, Parcel 34)
Easement Acreage: 126.907
County Council District: 4th
Zoning/Tier: RC 2, RC 8 / Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Preservation Priority Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ row crops

Name: Vaartjes, Deborah et al
Address: 2730 Openshaw Rd, White Hall, MD 21161 (Map 8, Parcel 35)
Easement Acreage: 69.862
County Council District: 3rd
Zoning/Tier: RC 2/ Tier 4
Master Plan Land Management Area: Agricultural Priority Preservation Area
Farm Ownership/Operation: Leased/ row crops

Prepared by: Department of Planning

