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BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 10
MAY 4, 2026 6:00 P.M.

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Bill 29-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.) & Councilmembers Jones, Marks, Patoka & Young

Department of Health & Human Services

Animals – Animal Protection and Humane Care

The Administration has submitted a package of bills (Bills 29-26, 30-26, and 31-26) to modernize, restructure, and update the Article on animals in the Baltimore County Code. (Bill 32-26 is a companion bill to address technical changes necessary to enact the legislative package.)

Bill 29-26 modernizes and broadens the Animal Title of the Baltimore County Code to include animal welfare and the humane treatment of animals by owners as a new Subtitle in the Animal Welfare Title. The bill also establishes certain standards and definitions for shelter for outside animals, veterinary care, and other care and treatment which are necessary to prevent cruelty to animals and will provide guidance to owners of animals and to animal control officers to keep animals safe and healthy. The bill also creates a new category of a "reckless animal owner," which may prevent animals from experiencing cruelty and neglect by owners who refuse to follow the requirements of humane care for animals.

Bill 29-26 prohibits a person from beating, cruelly treating, tormenting, overloading, overworking, or otherwise abusing an animal; or causing, instigating, or allowing a dogfight, cockfight, bullfight, calf roping, or other combat between animals or between an animal and a human. In addition, a person is prohibited from abandoning an animal on public or private property. Also, the bill prohibits a person from selling or offering for sale a rabbit that is less than 8 weeks old, or except as provided by State law, a puppy or kitten that is less than 8 weeks old.

These prohibitions do not apply to customary and normal veterinary and animal husbandry practices, including dehorning, castration, docking, and limited feeding for diet purposes. In addition, they do not apply to a feral cat caregiver who returns a feral cat to the location where it was originally trapped or an animal control officer who returns a feral cat to a location deemed suitable by the Health Officer or their designee.

Bill 29-26 requires that an owner of an animal ensures the animal is treated with humane care. The bill also requires that, unless an animal has continuous access to suitable shelter, an owned animal must be brought inside a home or building within 30 minutes of the onset of and during adverse environmental conditions. Also, the owner of an animal that is not kept within a home or building must provide the animal with a suitable shelter to protect the animal from wind, snow, rain, cold, sunlight, and adverse environmental conditions.

The bill defines suitable shelter as a structure that has a floor, a roof, and four walls, one of which must contain a doorway. However, this does not include: a crawl space under or inside of a building or part of a building; a space under or inside of a vehicle; a structure made from pressure-treated wood which contains the chemicals arsenic or chromium; a structure with a floor consisting of wire or chain-link; or a structure made from cardboard or other materials that are easily degraded by the elements.

The space available to the animal in the suitable shelter must be: maintained in a safe, sanitary, and healthful manner; free of standing water and accumulated waste and debris; and protected from flooding. In addition, the shelter must have adequate ventilation to allow the animal to remain dry and maintain a normal body temperature and exposure to natural or artificial light. Last, the suitable shelter provided to an animal must be suitable for the animal's species, age, condition, size, and type.

In the area provided to an animal, whether indoors or outdoors, an owner must provide access to sufficient food, potable water, appropriate shelter, and sufficient space for the animal to stand to the animal's full height, stretch out, turn around, lie down, and make normal postural adjustments comfortably. If the space provided is outdoors, the owner must provide suitable shade.

In addition to these suitable space requirements, Bill 29-26 prohibits an owner from confining an animal in unsafe or unsanitary conditions for any period of time. If an area of confinement is used for extended periods of time or serves as an animal's primary enclosure, the owner must provide an area of an adequate size to provide the animal with sufficient space to express normal behaviors and exercise freedom of movement as necessary to maintain good physical condition.

Bill 29-26 requires that the owner of an animal must provide adequate veterinary care to prevent suffering and to maintain the health of the animal. An animal control officer may direct an owner or feral cat caregiver to provide veterinary examination and treatment and remedies to abate conditions that adversely affect the health and well-being of the animal including: protection from

the elements; protection from hazardous conditions; requirements to utilize only appropriate methods of restraint or confinement; requirements to provide wholesome food and potable water; and requirements to provide sanitary conditions.

Bill 29-26 prohibits the owner of an animal from tethering an animal outside under unsafe conditions, including extreme weather conditions that may endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the animal. A tether shall be properly positioned to prevent tangling, including tangling in or around objects and allow continuous access to appropriate shade, shelter, and water. A tether may not unreasonably limit the movement of the animal.

The owner of an animal that is attached to a chain, rope, or leash tether shall provide a swivel device at each end of the chain, rope, or leash tether to prevent choking. The material of a tether shall be constructed of an appropriate material for the animal's species, age, condition, size, and type and prevent unnecessary strain on the animal. Generally, a collar worn by an animal shall be leather, nylon, or plastic. An animal may only wear a metal collar, such as a chain or pronged collar, as a training collar during obedience training. The owner shall remove the metal collar from the animal after the obedience training has been completed.

Bill 29-26 authorizes the Health Officer to designate an individual as a reckless animal owner if the individual is found in violation of the animal welfare provisions two or more times from separate incidents within a preceding 24-month period. An owner may only be considered a reckless animal owner if the owner:

- Is brought before the animal hearing board for violations of this article and the board upholds the violations;
- Is found guilty by a court of law or is placed on probation before judgment for an animal related offense;
- Pays a civil fine for a violation of this article; or
- Owns an animal designated as menacing, potentially dangerous, or dangerous within the preceding 24 months.

Upon designation by the Health Officer that an individual is a reckless animal owner, the Animal Services Division must issue a written notice to the owner that includes: the name and address of the reckless animal owner; a description of the circumstances that led to the designation; the name, description, and license number, if any, of any animals owned by or in the custody of the reckless animal owner; and notice of the right to appeal the designation.

A person designated as a reckless animal owner may appeal the designation by filing a written notice of appeal within 5 days of service of the reckless animal owner notice. The Animal Services Division must establish an animal welfare violation by a preponderance of the evidence. If the appealing owner fails to appear at the hearing, the appeal is dismissed.

An owner designated as a reckless animal owner is prohibited from owning, keeping, possessing, or harboring any animal for 4 years from the date of the designation. All animal licenses issued to the reckless animal owner must be revoked. Also, all animals owned or in the custody of the reckless animal owner must be impounded and seized by the Animal Services Division and be immediately considered unwanted or unredeemed.

The Administration advised that to the extent the package of bills results in fewer animals held in the Baltimore County Animal Shelter, current costs would decrease commensurately; however, it cannot project the magnitude of any such impact at this time, and the net fiscal effect will depend on how the legislation affects intake levels, enforcement activity, and service demands.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 29-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 30-26 **Council District(s) _All__**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.) & Councilmembers Jones, Marks, Patoka & Young

Department of Health & Human Services

Animals – Board Authority and Expedited Hearings

The Administration has submitted a package of bills (Bills 29-26, 30-26, and 31-26) to modernize, restructure, and update the Article on animals in the Baltimore County Code. (Bill 32-26 is a companion bill to address technical changes necessary to enact the legislative package.)

Bill 30-26 makes several updates to the adjudication of animal related cases before the Animal Hearing Board (the "Board"). Specifically, the bill establishes an expedited hearing and appeal process that allows for faster resolutions. Last, the bill makes several technical updates to the general Animal title definitions and other sections.

Most animal cruelty or neglect cases are not charged criminally by the Baltimore County State's Attorney Office. Currently, the Health Officer can order that an animal be surrendered to the custody of the Animal Services Division ("Division") in these cases. The Division holds and cares for the animal that has been surrendered until the animal is fostered or adopted. The owner of the animal has the right to appeal the order of the Health Officer to surrender the animal to the Division. The County Code currently requires the Division to hold an animal at the shelter (rather than being fostered) for 30 days plus the number of days that an owner has a right to appeal an order of the Health Officer. The administrative appeals process of involving the Animal Hearing Board and the Board of Appeals can be lengthy and last many months, which is detrimental to the health and welfare of the animals and potentially costly to the County.

Bill 30-26 revises the process for mandatory surrender of an animal to authorize the Board, when an animal welfare violation is substantiated or repeated violations are alleged, to order the surrender of an animal to the Division, the removal of an animal from the County, or the animal to remain in the Division's custody pending the outcome of a criminal matter. If an owner fails to comply with an order within 5 business days after notification, the Health Officer may initiate an action to obtain a court order authorizing the Division to execute the order. Alternatively, the

Board may allow an animal to remain in the owner's custody with ordered stipulations. If the owner fails to comply with the stipulations, the board may order the animal impounded.

Under current law, within 30 days after a decision or order of the Board, an owner who is aggrieved by the decision or order of the Board may appeal the decision or order to the Board of Appeals. However, Bill 30-26 shortens this period to 10 days. The violator must file the written notice of appeal and petition with the Animal Hearing Board, which must forward the file to the Board of Appeals. The petition must set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the appeal, including: the error committed by the Board; the relief sought; and the reasons why the relief sought should be granted. The violator must also pay the filing fee and any other required costs.

The hearing before the Board of Appeals must be limited to the record created before the Animal Hearing Board, which shall include: the recording of the testimony presented to the Animal Hearing Board; all exhibits and other papers filed with the Animal Hearing Board; and the written findings of the Animal Hearing Board. If the violator requests a transcription of the recording, the violator shall pay the cost of the transcription.

Bill 30-26 establishes an expedited hearing process for certain Animal Hearing Board orders. If the violator appeals an order of the Board that requires the surrender of an animal to the Division or that requires an animal to remain in the Division's custody pending the outcome of a related criminal matter, the Board of Appeals must hear the case within 14 calendar days of receiving the Animal Hearing Board record. This appeal must take precedence over other cases of the Board of Appeals, which must postpone other cases, if necessary, to hear the expedited case. The Board of Appeals must issue a decision within 10 calendar days of hearing an expedited case.

Under current law, if the owner of an impounded animal seeks to redeem the animal, the Division may require the owner to take several actions, including allowing the Division to spay or neuter the animal at the Division's expense. Bill 30-26 authorizes the Division to exempt an animal from the spay or neuter requirements if, upon impoundment by the Division: the animal is found to have a microchip that is registered with the owner's information; the owner redeems the animal within the 72-hour holding period; and the owner of the animal states on a form of the Division and under oath or affirmation that the animal is a working dog or is necessary for breeding.

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cannot project the magnitude of any such impact at this time, and the net fiscal effect will depend on how the legislation affects intake levels, enforcement activity, and service demands.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 30-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 31-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.) & Councilmembers Jones, Marks, Patoka & Young

Department of Health & Human Services

Animals – Public Safety – Designations

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Bill 31-26 introduces a standard scale called the Dunbar Bite Scale for evaluating dog bites and aggressive dog behavior and establishes designations for menacing and potentially dangerous animals. The bill also renames the "Dangerous Animals" title as "Public Safety" and brings the designations of "menacing" and "dangerous" into the same title. Also, the bill introduces an intermediate step for animals who have attacked a human or another animal without provocation.

Currently, the County Code does not contain an objective criterion for evaluating dog bites. Bill 31-26 establishes the Dunbar bite scale as an objective evaluation tool used to determine the severity of a dog bite. There are 6 levels to the scale that contain the following criteria:

- Level 1: fearful, aggressive, or out-of-control behavior but no skin-contact by teeth;
- Level 2: skin-contact by teeth but no skin-puncture;
- Level 3: one to four punctures from a single bite with no puncture deeper than half the length of the dog's canine teeth;
- Level 4: one to four punctures from a single bite;
- Level 5: multiple-bite incident with at least two level 4 bites or multiple-attack incident with at least one level 4 bite in each; and
- Level 6: fatal attack on a human or another animal.

Currently, the County Code has two designations to assign an animal that exhibits aggressive behavior: a menacing animal and a dangerous animal. The difference between these designations could be subjective and does not allow for efficient disposition of an animal whose

behavior is severe. Bill 31-26 introduces a third designation of a "potentially dangerous animal" and establishes objective criteria for evaluating all three designations as well as the process for disposition of the animal.

Declarations of an animal as menacing, potentially dangerous, or dangerous are made by the Health Officer. Upon declaring an animal as any of the three designations, the Health Officer must issue a citation to the owner. The declaration must be based on:

- Personal observation of the Health Officer;
- Observations of animal control officers;
- Affidavits concerning an individual's personal experience with the animal;
- Bite contact or non-bite contact reports made to the Baltimore County Police, the Health Officer, or the Animal Services Division ("Division");
- Animal control records; or
- Other documented information.

A menacing animal is defined as an animal that has been declared by the Health Officer as posing a threat to the public health or safety that attacks or injures a domestic animal or exhibits aggressive or dangerous behavior and is not adequately confined or restrained. Generally, the Dunbar bite scale may be used to inform the Health Officer's declaration of a dog as a menacing animal, with levels 1 and 2 used as justification.

If an animal is declared a menacing animal, the Health Officer must issue a civil citation to the owner declaring the animal a menacing animal and imposing a civil monetary penalty of up to $250. The owner of the animal must pay the civil monetary penalty or request a hearing before the Animal Hearing Board.

A potentially dangerous animal means an animal that has been declared by the Health Officer as potentially posing a threat to the public health or safety. Generally, the Dunbar bite scale may be used to inform the Health Officer's declaration of a dog as potentially dangerous, with levels 2 through 4 used as justification. Also, the animal must have:

- Bitten or attacked an individual or another animal without provocation;
- Exhibited aggressive or dangerous behavior and is not adequately confined or restrained;

- Been known or suspected to be an animal exposed to rabies and is not adequately confined or restrained; or
- Been required to be confined or restrained to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

If an animal is declared a potentially dangerous animal, the Health Officer must issue a civil citation to the owner declaring the animal a potentially dangerous animal and notify the owner of required actions, including confinement measures, spaying and neutering of the animal, and microchipping. The citation must impose a civil monetary penalty of up to $500. The owner must pay the civil monetary penalty and comply with confinement measures ordered or request a hearing before the Animal Hearing Board.

A dangerous animal means an animal that has been declared by the Health Officer as posing a threat to the public health or safety. Generally, the Dunbar bite scale may be used to inform the Health Officer's declaration of a dog as dangerous, with levels 4, 5, and 6 used as justification. Also, the animal must have:

- Attacked or injured a person or a domestic animal;
- Exhibited aggressive or dangerous behavior and is not adequately confined or restrained;
- Been known or suspected to be an animal exposed to rabies and is not adequately confined or restrained; or
- Been subject to confinement or restraint orders from the Health Officer or the Animal Hearing Board and those orders have not been followed.

If an animal is declared a dangerous animal, the Health Officer shall issue a civil citation to the owner declaring the animal a dangerous animal and impose a civil monetary penalty of up to $1,000. If an animal is declared a dangerous animal, the Health Officer may impound the animal; order the owner to surrender the animal to the Division; or release the animal to the custody of the owner.

If the Health Officer releases the animal to the custody of the owner, the Health Officer may order the animal to be spayed or neutered, if the animal is not already spayed or neutered and microchipped, if the animal is not already microchipped. If the animal is impounded, the Health Officer must make a prompt and reasonable effort to notify the owner of the impoundment and the reasons for the impoundment. If the animal is released to the custody of the owner, the Health

Officer may order any measures necessary to confine or restrain the animal pending the hearing of the Animal Hearing Board.

Within 10 days after declaring an animal a dangerous animal, a menacing animal, or a potentially dangerous animal, the Health Officer shall notify the owner of the declaration. The notification shall indicate that the owner may appeal the decision of the Health Officer within 5 days after a notice is given by filing a petition with the Division requesting a hearing before the Animal Hearing Board. The Board must conduct the appeal hearing within 25 days after the Health Officer has made a declaration, and the Division must notify the owner of the hearing date. However, the owner may request one postponement of the hearing in writing.

At the hearing, the Animal Hearing Board may affirm or reverse a declaration that an animal is a dangerous animal, a menacing animal, or a potentially dangerous animal and any orders of the Health Officer on the disposition of the animal. The Board may order:

- Any measures necessary to confine or restrain the animal and a schedule for the implementation of those measures;
- The owner to comply with any State or local requirements including rabies vaccination and licensing;
- The owner to pay any fees for impoundment, boarding, vaccinations, licensing, and veterinary services or any other civil monetary penalties incurred under this article;
- The owner to display clearly visible signs on the owner's property that a dangerous animal is on the property;
- The animal to be spayed or neutered;
- The animal to be removed from the County;
- The animal to be euthanized;
- The animal to be microchipped; or
- The animal to be impounded until the orders of the Board are implemented to the satisfaction of the Health Officer, and the owner pays any fees or civil monetary penalties.

The Animal Hearing Board shall notify the owner of the Board's decision. The Health Officer, the Division, and the Board are not responsible for the cost of any orders of the Board. An owner shall be considered to have waived any property interest or claim of ownership the owner has in an impounded animal if the owner fails to attend a hearing for which the owner did not otherwise request and receive a postponement. An impounded animal shall be deemed abandoned and

shall be disposed of in accordance with this article if: the owner waives ownership, does not pay the boarding fees, or does not comply with the orders of the Board.

The Animal Hearing Board may waive or reduce the civil monetary penalty issued under this subtitle if the owner has complied with the orders of the Board; surrenders the animal to the Division for euthanasia; or provided the animal is impounded, agrees in writing to euthanasia. The Health Officer may assess an owner fees for the following services provided to an animal: impoundment; boarding; vaccination; spaying or neutering; veterinary services; and any other needed service.

The Administration advised that to the extent the package of bills results in fewer animals held in the Baltimore County Animal Shelter, current costs would decrease commensurately; however, it cannot project the magnitude of any such impact at this time, and the net fiscal effect will depend on how the legislation affects intake levels, enforcement activity, and service demands.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 31-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 32-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.) & Councilmembers Jones, Marks, Patoka & Young

Department of Health & Human Services

Animals – Owner Responsibilities – Repeal and Technical Changes

Bill 32-26 repeals sections of the Baltimore County Code that are being moved to another Subtitle under the other animal services bills introduced with Bill 32-26. Bill 32-26 also renumbers certain sections and enacts several technical changes.

The Administration has submitted a package of bills to modernize, restructure, and update the Article on animals in the Baltimore County Code. The County Council is considering these three bills. Bill 32-26 is a companion bill to address technical changes necessary to enact the legislative package. Specifically, Bill 32-26 repeals and renumbers several sections in the Animal Welfare Title that are being transferred to another Title or are being replaced by a new section in the companion bills.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 32-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment. Bill 32-26 contains an uncodified contingency clause that states Bill 32-26 will have no force or effect if those companion bills are not passed by the County Council.

Bill 33-26 (Supplemental Appropriation) **Council District(s) 7**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Department of Planning

State Technical Assistance Dundalk Main Street

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of State funds totaling $25,000 to the State Technical Assistance Dundalk Main Street Gifts and Grants Fund program. The Department advised that it will grant these funds to the Greater Dundalk Community Development Organization (GDCDO) to support business outreach and startup costs. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County (1)	--	--	--
State (2)	$ 25,000	--	$ 25,000
Federal	--	--	--
Other (3)	--	--	--
Total	$ 25,000	--	$ 25,000

(1) The Department advised that the County will provide staff time to assist the GDCDO, valued at approximately $9,000.
(2) Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development funds. No County matching funds are required.
(3) GDCDO anticipates receiving $1,250 in donations from local stakeholders.

Analysis

The Department advised that community leaders formed the GDCDO in January 2025 to serve Dundalk Main Street businesses, pursue community development resources and priorities benefiting the broader community, and reattain Dundalk's State-certified Main Street designation, which was paused following the Fall 2024 dissolution of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation

(DRC), the County's first nonprofit CDO. The Department further advised that, once the proposed grant funds are appropriated to its budget, it intends to grant the $25,000 to the GDCDO to support: (1) hiring a part-time contractual employee to conduct business outreach and connect businesses to State, County, and other resources; (2) obtaining insurance and training for staff; and (3) defraying other startup costs.

The Department advised that the grant will be submitted to the Council for approval via the County's 14-day grant notification process. The Department also noted that County staff have provided and will continue to provide technical assistance to this community-led initiative.

The grant period commenced February 24, 2026 and continues for 1 year. The Department advised that no County matching funds are required; however, County staff will provide grant management and technical support, valued at approximately $9,000.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 33-26 will take effect May 17, 2026.

Executive Summary

A State of Maryland FY26 Technical Assistance Grant for $25,000 has been awarded to Baltimore County Department of Planning to support outreach to businesses in the State-designated Dundalk Main Street and assist with startup costs for a new Community Development Organization. Planning will grant the $25,000 to the newly formed Greater Dundalk Community Development Organization (GDCDO) to implement this project once the funds have been added to Planning's budget. Funds will enable GDCDO to hire a part time contractual employee to conduct outreach to businesses to connect them with available State, County, and other resources; conduct outreach to the community; obtain Directors and Officers insurance; access board development training to ensure nonprofit best practices; and defray other startup costs associated with the new CDO. Community leaders organized in January of 2025 to start a new nonprofit that could serve Dundalk Main Street businesses and pursue other community development resources and priorities benefitting the broader community. Planning has provided technical assistance to this community-led initiative as they have collected community survey responses, met with stakeholders, formed a board of directors, and incorporated as a nonprofit. They have obtained their 501 c-3 status from the IRS and will host their first public event on March 28, 2026.

Prepared by: Department of Planning

Bill 34-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Executive Office

Appellate Court Name Updates

Bill 34-26 amends several sections of the County Code to replace obsolete references to the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland with the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland, respectively.

Historically, the appellate courts for the Maryland Court system were named in the State constitution as the Court of Special Appeals (the intermediate appellate court) and the Court of Appeals (the highest court in the State judiciary). Among the 50 states, the most common names for State appellate courts are the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. However, a handful of states retained the colonial-era appellate court names until relatively recently, including New York, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Over the last few decades, many states have amended their state constitutions to update the names of their appellate courts for better clarity with the public and greater uniformity among the states. Today, the highest court in every state except New York is named some variation of the Supreme Court.

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly and the Governor enacted legislation to change the names of the Maryland Court of Appeals and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in the State Constitution to the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland, respectively. A subsequent ballot question was approved by Maryland voters at the election held on November 8, 2022. Accordingly, Bill 34-26 updates the references to Maryland's appellate courts in the County Code to be consistent with the 2022 name changes.

Bill 34-26 will take effect 45 days after its enactment.

Bill 35-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Councilmembers Patoka & Marks

Auxiliary Police Length of Service and Award Program – Minimum Benefit Payments

Bill 35-26 amends the minimum benefit payment that a member of the Auxiliary Police Length of Service and Award Program ("LOSAP") may receive. LOSAP is a program to financially assist members of the Auxiliary Police team of the County Police Department who are at least 60 years old and have successfully completed at least 25 years of active volunteer service with the Auxiliary Police team. The Auxiliary Police LOSAP is administered by the Chief of Police and the Auxiliary Police team, including tracking volunteer members and eligibility.

Generally, the Auxiliary Police team is composed of trained and sworn police officers and civilian personnel. While an Auxiliary Police officer must receive regular training mandated by the Police Department and is issued a uniform, they are not permitted to wear, carry, or transport any firearm during the course of their duties. Auxiliary Police officers may perform basic police duties, such as providing security, crowd, or traffic control at public events, directing traffic flow, issuing parking citations, and assisting County police officers in the transport of prisoners or precinct desk duties. However, an Auxiliary Police officer may not operate an emergency vehicle while emergency equipment is active, conduct traffic enforcement other than the limited duties listed above, serve arrest or search warrants, or participate in activity that is known in advance to be extremely dangerous or hazardous.

Currently, a member eligible to receive LOSAP benefit payments under the program shall receive a payment of at least $100 per month for life. Bill 35-26 increases this minimum amount to $300 per month for life. The Administration has advised that the current Auxiliary Police LOSAP policy administratively sets the minimum benefit at $250 per month. Bill 35-26 sets the minimum monthly benefit at $300 per month in order to achieve parity with the Volunteer Firefighter and EMS LOSAP monthly benefit, which was increased to $300 per month with the enactment of Bill 41-23. The FY 2026 General Fund budget includes $30,250 for Auxiliary Police LOSAP payments. Increasing the minimum monthly benefit from $250 to $300 (by 20%) would result in an approximate annual cost increase of $6,050, assuming steady enrollment.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 35-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 36-26 **Council District(s) _7__**

Mr. Marks

Zoning Regs. – Signs – Freestanding Signs – Maximum Area

Bill 36-26 increases the maximum permitted area of a freestanding enterprise sign in the Commercial, Community Core District of the Business, Local (B.L.-C.C.C.) Zone to 125 square feet under certain circumstances. In general, all signs are governed by Section 450 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

An enterprise sign is defined as an accessory sign which displays the identity and which may otherwise advertise the products or services associated with the individual organization. A freestanding sign is defined as a sign that is maintained on a structural framework or supporting element, including a post or a pole, fixed in the ground, but is not attached to a building. A freestanding enterprise sign is permitted in several Business zones, including the B.L.R. (Business Local Restricted), B.M. (Business Major), B.L. (Business Local), B.R. (Business Roadside), M.L.R. (Manufacturing Light Restricted), M.R. (Manufacturing Restricted), M.L. (Manufacturing Light), M.H. (Manufacturing Heavy), and R.O. (Residential Office) zones.

Generally, the area (or “face”) of a sign is defined as the number of square feet within the perimeter of one continuous rectangle enclosing the face of a sign. Except in the case of a wall-mounted sign, “area” includes the surface of all integral color, framing, or other design feature by which the sign is differentiated from the structure supporting it or upon which it is erected. However, “area" does not include:

- Any structural, supporting, or decorative features which are not part of the message of the sign;
- Architectural features of the building upon which the sign may be erected, provided that such features are distinguishable from the sign by means of differences of color or similar attributes; or
- Air spaces located between freestanding signs of different classes which are erected on a common or shared supporting structure.

Currently, a freestanding enterprise sign may have a maximum area of 75 square feet. However, this maximum increases to 100 square feet if the premises has more than 300 feet of frontage. In addition, the maximum area for any freestanding sign may be increased relative to the setback from a right-of-way of the nearest highway on which a premises has frontage by: 5% if the setback is at least 10 feet; 10% if the setback is at least 20 feet; or 15% if the setback is 50 feet or more from the right-of-way. Bill 36-26 would permit a freestanding enterprise sign located in the B.L.-C.C.C. Zone to have a maximum area of 125 square feet, if located in the Essex Commercial Revitalization District.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 36-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 37-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

All Councilmembers

2026 Basic Services Maps

Article 4A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") sets forth the provisions for growth management in Baltimore County. The growth management provisions are designed to facilitate implementation of the Master Plan with specific regard to the quantity and timing of new growth and development. BCZR Section 4A02.1 provides that:

> "The County Council finds that important public facilities in certain predominantly urban areas of the County are inadequate to serve all of the development that would be permitted under the regulations of the zones or commercial districts within which those areas lie. Basic Services Maps are hereby established to regulate nonindustrial development in those under-served areas to a degree commensurate with the availability of these facilities. Basic Services Maps are not permanent and will be reviewed annually with reports to the County Council."

Basic Services Maps are designed to aid the County in providing public services (water, sewer, and transportation) in an amount that facilitates the level of growth allowed by the current zoning. This growth management system applies inside the Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL).

Article 4A requires that the three Basic Services Maps for water, sewer, and transportation be prepared annually by the appropriate Executive agencies, and thereafter the Planning Board must recommend to the County Council any proposed annual revisions to the maps. The law requires the Council to take legislative action on the maps after consideration of the Planning Board's recommendations. The Council is required to hold one public hearing prior to the adoption of the maps; the hearing is scheduled on April 28, 2026.

Bill 37-26 repeals the 2025 Basic Services Maps and enacts the 2026 Basic Services Maps. A summary of the changes proposed by the Planning Board on February 20, 2026 is attached as Exhibit A.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 37-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

KATHERINE A. KLAUSMEIER
County Executive

STEPHEN LAFFERTY, *Director*
Department of Planning

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Mike Ertel
Chairman, Baltimore County Council
County Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Re: 2026 Basic Services Maps

Dear Chairman Ertel,

At its regular meeting on February 19th, 2026, the Baltimore County Planning Board voted, in accordance with Section 4A02.3.E.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), to recommend adoption of the proposed 2026 Basic Services Maps as presented.

The item was first introduced to the Board on January 15th, 2026. A Public Hearing was conducted on February 5th, 2026.

The proposed Water Supply, Sewerage, and Transportation Maps, at a 1" = 4000' scale, as well as the accompanying reports from the Department of Public Works and Transportation, are enclosed for Public Hearing and adoption by the County Council.

Should you have any questions regarding the Planning Board's approval process, please contact Taylor Bensley of the Department of Planning at 410-887-3482 or tbensley@baltimorecountymd.gov.

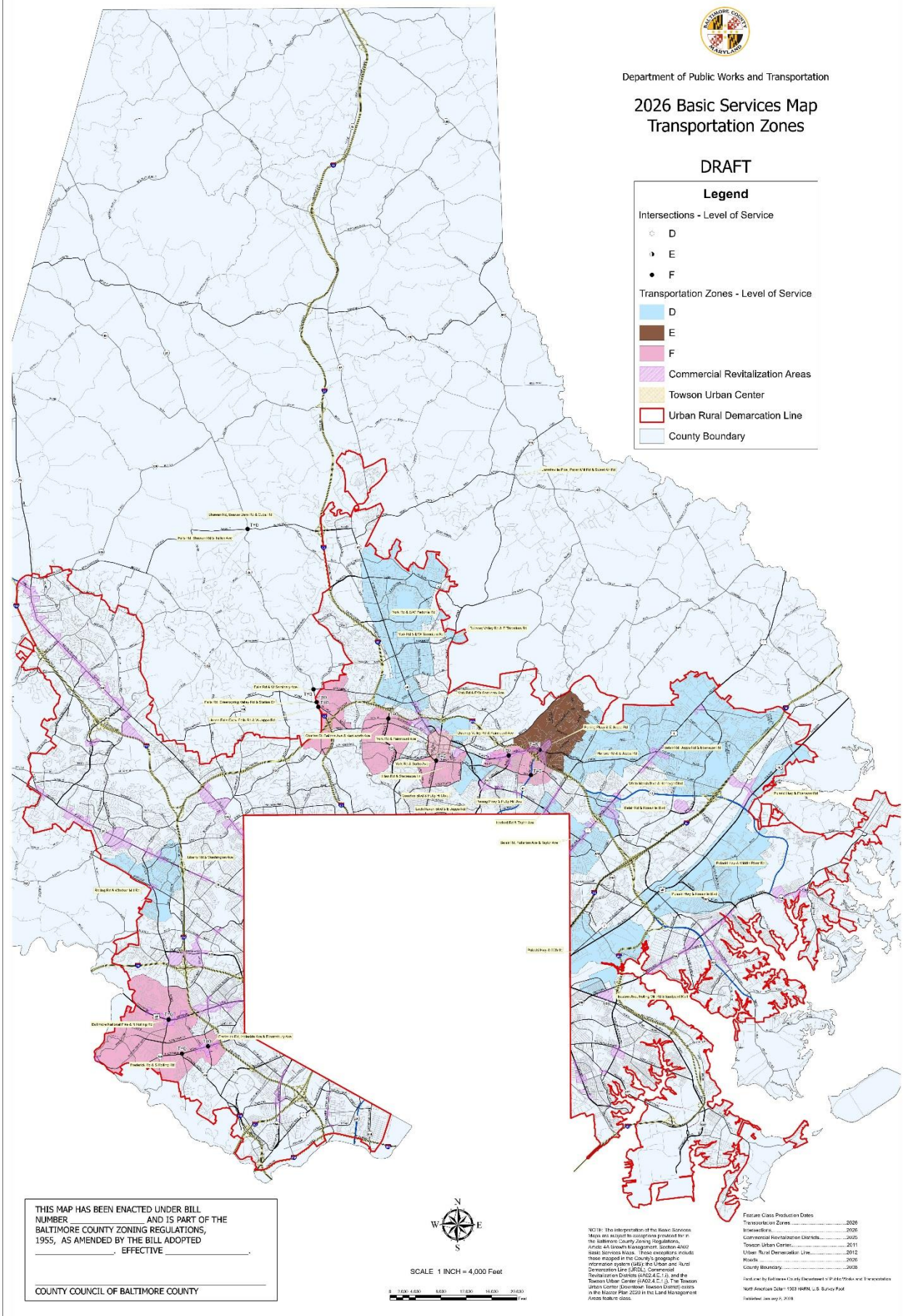
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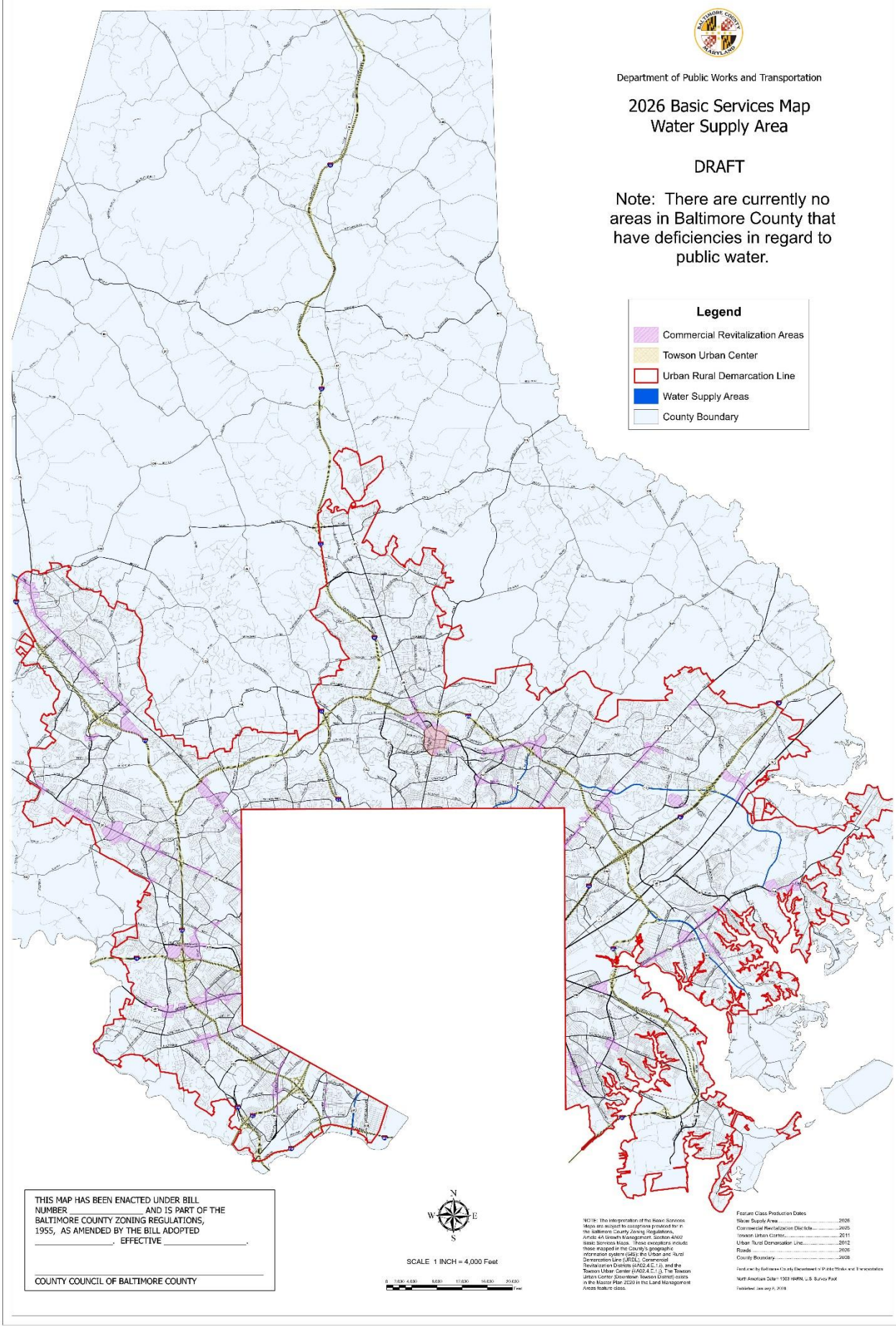
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Secretary to the Board

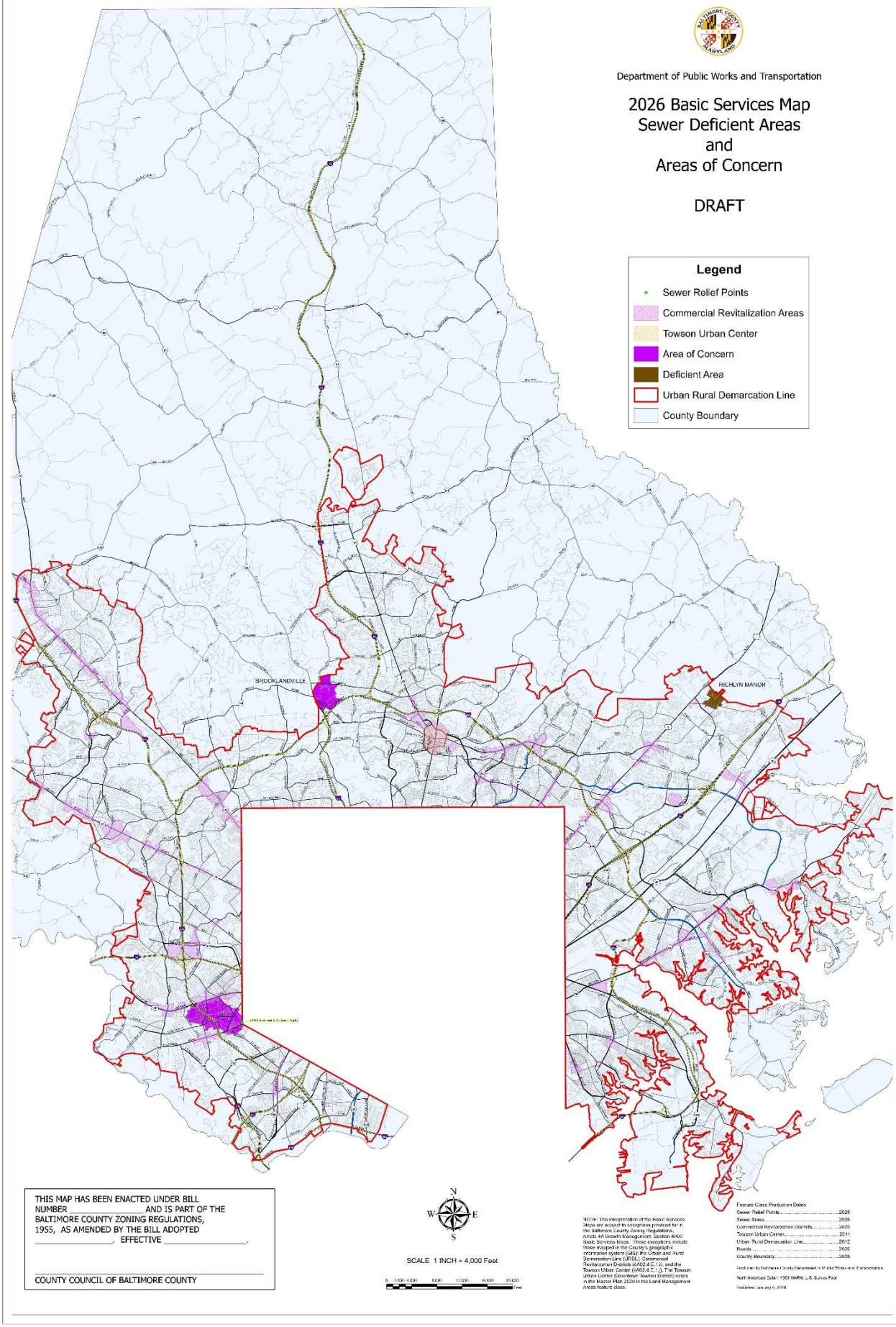
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Enclosures

c: Members, Baltimore County Council
Thomas Bostwick., Legislative Counsel/Secretary
Chris Hewitt, County Council Administrator
Elizabeth Irwin, Acting County Auditor
D'Andrea Walker, Administrative Officer
James R. Benjamin Jr., County Attorney
Lauren Buckler, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
Andrew Brown, Department of Public Works and Transportation


Department of Public Works and Transportation
2026 Basic Services Map
Transportation Zones
DRAFT
Legend
Intersections - Level of Service
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Commercial Revitalization Areas
Towson Urban Center
Urban Rural Demarcation Line
County Boundary
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Feature Class Production Dates
Transportation Zones 2026
Intersections 2026
Commercial Revitalization Districts 2025
Towson Urban Center 2011
Urban Rural Demarcation Line 2012
Roads 2026
County Boundary 2026
Produced by Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation
North American Datum 1983 HARN, U.S. Survey Foot
Published: January 5, 2026


Department of Public Works and Transportation
2026 Basic Services Map
Water Supply Area
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Note: There are currently no areas in Baltimore County that have deficiencies in regard to public water.
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Towson Urban Center
Urban Rural Demarcation Line
Water Supply Areas
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Department of Public Works and Transportation
2026 Basic Services Map
Sewer Deficient Areas
and
Areas of Concern
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Legend
Sewer Relief Points
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BALTIMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 30, 2025

TO: Lauren Buckler, PE, Director
Department of Public Works and Transportation

FROM: Justin Hall, PE, Chief JMH
Bureau of Engineering & Construction

SUBJECT: 2026 Basic Services Maps
Public Water & Sewer Status

In accordance with your request, we are furnishing an update for the 2026 Basic Services Map.

Water
No deficiencies are known to exist.

Sewer
Nine (9) of the ten (10) remaining sewer relief points have been eliminated. The elimination of these sewer relief points allows for the removal of most of the areas of concern from the 2026 Basic Services Map. The single sewer relief point location that remains is being monitored while design and construction progress on improvements in the downstream sewer system located in the City of Baltimore.

Revisions to the Basic Services Maps to remove an area of special concern do not mean that an area has unlimited development potential. Computer modeling and simulations to assess the impacts on the County's sewer system resulting from development are completed on a case-by-case basis. Determinations are made to assess if the impacts from development will require downstream improvements to ensure adequate capacity in the sewer system.

JH: DAB

cc: Erin McKenna-Streyle, P.E. – Chief, Water Design Section
Amy Bley, P.E. – Chief, Sewer Design Section
David Bayer, P.E. – Sewer Design Section
Andrew Brown, P.E. – Sewer Design Section

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 18, 2025

TO: Lauren Buckler, Director
Department of Public Works and Transportation

FROM: Angelica Daniel, Bureau Chief
Bureau of Transportation

SUBJECT: 2026 Basic Service Map – Transportation:

Based on these studies over the past year, we are recommending no changes for the levels of service to the 2025 Transportation Map:

There are ten "F" level intersections and one "E" level intersection that are being proposed on the 2026 Basic Service Transportation Map that would control development. These intersections are:

Baltimore Nat'l Pike (US 40)/ Rolling Rd N	LOS = F
Bellona Ave / Charles St (MD 139) / Kenilworth Dr	LOS = F
Bloomsbury Ave / Frederick Rd (MD 144) / Ingleside Ave	LOS = F
Burke Ave / Burke Ave W / York Rd (MD 45)	LOS = F
Falls Rd (MD 25) / Seminary Ave W (MD 131)	LOS = F
Falls Rd (MD 25) / Jones Falls Expy /Joppa Rd W	LOS = F
Falls Rd (MD 25) / Greenspring Valley Rd (MD 130) / Station Dr	LOS = F
Falls Rd (MD 25) & Shawan Rd & Tufton Ave *	LOS = F*
Frederick Rd (MD 144) / Rolling Rd S (MD 166)	LOS = F
Joppa Rd E & Loch Raven Blvd (MD 542)	LOS = F
Perring Pkwy (MD 41) / Putty Hill Ave	LOS = F
Joppa Rd E / Perring Pkwy (MD 41)	LOS = E

* The intersection of Falls Rd (MD-25)/Shawan Rd and Tufton Rd is outside the URDL, and therefore, no commuter shed will be associated with this intersection.

Enclosed is a list of the current D, E, and F intersections for your use. Should you have any questions in regard to the Basic Services Transportation Map for 2026, please contact me at ext.3554.

1st Rd Name	2nd Rd Name	3rd Rd Name	LoS
BALTIMORE NAT'L PIKE	ROLLING RD N		F
BEAVER DAM RD	CUBA RD	SHAWAN RD	D
BELAIR RD	EBENEZER RD	JOPPA RD	D
BELAIR RD	FULLERTON AVE	TAYLOR AVE	D
BELAIR RD	ROSSVILLE BLVD		D
BELLONA AVE	CHARLES ST	KENILWORTH DR	F
BLOOMSBURY AVE	FREDERICK RD	INGLESIDE AVE	F
BURKE AVE	YORK RD		F
DULANEY VALLEY RD	FAIRMOUNT AVE		D
DULANEY VALLEY RD	TIMONIUM RD E		D
EASTERN AVE	ROLLING MILL RD	MALL ENT	D
EBENEZER RD	PULASKI HWY		D
FAIRMOUNT AVE	YORK RD		D
FALLS RD	GREENSPRING VALLEY RD	STATION DR	F
FALLS RD	JONES FALLS EXPWY	JOPPA RD W	F
FALLS RD	SEMINARY AVE W		F
FALLS RD	SHAWAN RD	TUFTON AVE	F
FREDERICK RD	ROLLING RD S		F
GOUCHER BLVD	PUTTY HILL AVE		D
HARFORD RD	JOPPA RD E		D
HARFORD RD	TAYLOR AVE		D
HILLEN RD	STEVENSON LN		D
HONEYGO BLVD	WHITE MARSH BLVD		D
JARRETTSVILLE PIKE	PAPER MILL RD	SWEET AIR RD	D
JOPPA RD E	LOCH RAVEN BLVD		F
JOPPA RD E	PERRING PKWY		E
LIBERTY RD	WASHINGTON AVE		D
MIDDLE RIVER RD	PULASKI HWY		D
PADONIA RD E/W	YORK RD		D
PERRING PKWY	PUTTY HILL AVE		F
PULASKI HWY	66TH ST		D
PULASKI HWY	ROSSVILLE BLVD		D
ROLLING RD	WINDSOR MILL RD		D
SEMINARY AVE E/W	YORK RD		D
TIMONIUM RD E/W	YORK RD		D

Bill 40-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

The Employees' Retirement System

Bill 40-26 amends provisions of the County Code relating to the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) to reflect the results of labor negotiations, implement a legal settlement, and make various technical and clarifying amendments.

The bill provides that certain retired members of the Police Department who retired on ordinary or accidental disability are eligible for post-retirement cost-of-living increases (COLAs). The Administration advised that this provision codifies a benefit reflected in the County's Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4.

The bill also revises provisions governing the calculation of retirement benefits for members transferring from a noncontributory system. Specifically, the bill requires the use of "regular interest" as defined in § 37-203(f)(2) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in calculating contribution deficiencies, and codifies related adjustments to retirement allowances associated with such transfers.

In addition, the bill clarifies that Emergency Communication personnel participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) will have their DROP benefit calculated at the same rate as their pension benefit. The Administration advised that this provision aligns with prior enhancements enacted for certain Emergency Communication personnel and provides consistency within the Code.

The bill further includes technical amendments related to continuation in service for certain public safety employees, clarifying that individuals must be deemed both mentally and physically capable of performing their duties in order to continue employment beyond age 65.

Separately, the bill revises provisions governing the timing and applicability of required fiscal and actuarial information submitted to the County Council for personnel and retirement-related legislation. Under current law, the Director of the Office of Budget and Finance is required to attached specified information, including actuarial analysis, to applicable legislation at the time of

introduction. The bill amends this requirement to clarify that it applies to legislation introduced at the request of either the County Executive or a Councilmember and revises the timing such that the required information must be provided on or before the date the bill is read for second consideration.

The Administration advised that an actuarial analysis of Bill 40-26 has not been prepared, as the proposed changes are considered technical in nature and are not expected to have a material fiscal impact.

From a fiscal oversight perspective, the absence of actuarial analysis at the time of introduction limits the availability of information regarding the potential impact of the bill on the ERS, including effects that may emerge over time or through actuarial analysis. The proposed change in timing would defer the availability of such analysis to a later stage in the legislative process, resulting in such information not being available at the point of initial consideration.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 40-26 will take effect on July 1, 2026.

Bill 51-26 (Supplemental Appropriation) **Council District(s) _All_**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Department of Corrections

Health Management Associates Grant

The Administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of State funds totaling $35,000 to the Health Management Associates Grant Gifts and Grants Fund program. The Department advised that the funds will be used to improve behavioral health treatment and services through evidence-based strategies. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Total Appropriation
County	--	--	--
State(1)	$ 35,000	--	$ 35,000
Federal	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total	$ 35,000	--	$ 35,000

(1) Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy funds passed through Health Care Access Maryland to Health Management Associates, Inc. No County matching funds are required.

Analysis

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy offers a Local Detention Behavioral Technical Assistance program to local detention centers in Maryland seeking to develop or expand access to behavioral health and re-entry services. Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions on the State's behalf. Specifically, the Department advised that HMA has been providing coaching and consultation related to evidence-

based screenings, assessment, and treatment; strengthening cross-system coordination with community providers and re-entry partners; and assisting with integrating treatment for co-occurring disorders. For participating in the program, the County will receive a stipend of up to $35,000, which the Department advised will be used to improve and support behavioral health treatment and services through evidence-based strategies.

The grant period is June 16, 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 51-26 will take effect June 3, 2026.

Executive Summary

The Department of Corrections is requesting to receive support from Health Management Associates to improve behavioral health treatment and services through evidence-based strategies. Health Management Associates will provide coaching and consultation in three specific areas. Access to evidence-based screenings, assessment and treatment. Strengthen cross-system coordination with community providers and re-entry partners. And, assistance with integrating treatment for co-occurring disorders. Baltimore County Corrections is eligible for a stipend of up to $35,000 for participation in the program.

Prepared by: Department of Corrections

Bill 52-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Marks

County Charter – Charter Review Commission – Membership – Technical Update

Bill 52-26 amends the Baltimore County Charter to update the membership of the Charter Review Commission to reflect the nine Council appointments.

With the approval of a ballot question by the voters of Baltimore County in the 2024 general election, the Baltimore County Council will expand from seven members to nine members, beginning with the 2026 election. Bill 47-24, which initiated the 2024 ballot question, contained several technical updates to the Charter based on Council expansion, such as increasing the membership on the Board of Appeals and Planning Board to accommodate nine Council appointees. While the intent of Bill 47-24 was to include all necessary changes to board and commission memberships in the Charter, an increase to the membership of the Charter Review Commission was inadvertently not included.

Currently, Section 1203(a) of the Charter states that the Charter Review Commission shall be composed of 11 members who must be residents of the County appointed as follows:

- Each council member appoints one member;
- The County Executive appoints two members;
- The County Attorney serves as an ex officio member; and
- The Chairperson of the County Council appoints an additional member who serves as the Chairperson of the Commission.

Bill 52-26 merely updates the total number of Commission members from 11 to 13 to account for the change in Council members from 7 to 9.

If passed by the affirmative vote of five Councilmembers and approved by County voters on November 3, 2026, the amendment shall stand adopted and become a part of the Charter from and after the thirtieth day following said election.

Bill 53-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Ertel

Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses – Dangerous Weapons Prohibited

Bill 53-26 establishes certain prohibitions related to certain dangerous weapons, including metal knuckles and switchblade knives. The bill also establishes the penalty for any person who violates the prohibition.

Bill 53-26 prohibits a person from selling, purchasing, trading, acquiring in any manner, using, carrying, or possessing metal knuckles or a knife with an automatic spring or other device for opening or closing the blade, commonly known as a switchblade knife. A person who violates any part of this prohibition is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding $1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

Currently, § 4-101 of the Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Code defines a weapon as including metal knuckles and switchblade knives and prohibits the wearing or carrying of such weapons concealed on or about the person, with limited exceptions for State and local officers entitled or required to carry weapons or a person carrying the weapon as a reasonable precaution against danger and only on the proper occasion for the wearing or carrying. A person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding $1,000 or both. If it appears from the evidence that the weapon was carried, concealed or openly, with the deliberate purpose of injuring or killing another, the court shall impose the highest sentence of imprisonment prescribed.

Currently, Baltimore City prohibits the sale of any metal knuckles, sling shot, slung shot, sand club, or black jack, with limited exceptions for the sale to duly qualified police officers or any person that has a permit from the Police Commissioner for the purchase. A person convicted of violating the prohibition may be fined not more than $500 or be imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both. Baltimore City also prohibits a person from selling, carrying, or possessing any knife with an automatic spring or other device for opening or closing the blade, commonly known as a switchblade knife, with no exceptions. Any person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than 12 months or to both fine and imprisonment for each offense.

In Anne Arundel County, a person selling, bartering, or otherwise exchanging or disposing of blackjacks, sandbags, sand clubs, metal knuckles, or similar weapons must keep a record book in which must be recorded the name of the purchaser, barterer, or pledgor, after proper identification. The purchaser, barterer, or pledgor must sign in the book and give the purchaser's, barterer's or pledgor's place of residence and the date of the transaction. The record book must be open for inspection during regular business hours to the Sheriff and Police.

Currently, the County does not have a general prohibition for these two types of dangerous weapons. However, the County does prohibit the possession, wearing, or carrying of several dangerous weapons, including metal knuckles and switchblade knives, in County parks, with limited exceptions for hunting paraphernalia that is authorized by the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks during hunting season. Montgomery County regulations include substantially similar park prohibitions.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 53-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 54-26 **Council District(s) _5__**

Mr. Marks

Designation of Design Review Areas – Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District

Bill 54-26 designates the Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District as a Design Review Area that is subject to review by the Design Review Panel. Currently, there are 12 areas that are designated as Design Review Areas that consist of a mix of existing Commercial Revitalization Districts and specially drawn areas, such as the Liberty Road Design Review Area.

When an area is designated as a Design Review Area, nonresidential proposed development within the area is subject to review so long as that area is described by map in the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies. The Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District will be the 13th area to be designated a Design Review Area.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 54-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 55-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Jones

Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the M.L. Zone – Service Garages

Bill 55-26 amends the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit service garages by-right in the Manufacturing, Light (M.L.) Zone under certain circumstances.

The Zoning Regulations define a service garage as a garage, other than a residential garage, where motor-driven vehicles are stored, equipped for operation, repaired, or kept for remuneration, hire, or sale. Service garages are permitted as an ancillary use to or in combination with a fuel service station, under Section 405 of the Zoning Regulations. Also, a service garage with a valid Baltimore County license for the towing of vehicles, subject to Section 405A is permitted by-right in the Manufacturing, Light, Restricted (M.L.R.) Zone. In addition, service garages are not permitted in a central community hub, a junkyard, a minor automotive service, or in the Service-Employment (S-E) Zone.

Bill 55-26 requires that a service garage permitted in the M.L. Zone must maintain a valid Baltimore County issued Police Initiated Towing License. In addition to authorizing a service garage, Bill 55-26 authorizes appurtenant accessory uses within contiguous areas of the site that are zoned Resource Conservation (R.C.) 4.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 55-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

Bill 56-26 **Council District(s) __All__**

Mr. Jones

Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the R.C.2 Zone – Natural Burial Grounds

Bill 56-26 establishes a new type of natural burial ground and authorizes it by-right in the Resource Conservation – Agricultural (R.C. 2) Zone under certain circumstances. The bill also permits the owner of a pet to authorize the burial of their pet on natural burial grounds. In general, Section 401 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations governs natural burial grounds. Currently, natural burial grounds are permitted only in certain areas of the R.C. 6 and R.C. 8 Zones by special exception.

A natural burial ground is defined as a property intended for use for the burial or permanent disposition of the remains of the dead, utilizing natural burial methods and biodegradable materials that permit the body to return naturally to the earth. Bill 56-26 establishes a new type of natural burial ground called "natural burial ground (pet and owner of pet)," which is defined as a natural burial ground that operates in accordance with Sections 401.2 and 401.2.1 of the Zoning Regulations, and which also allows the burial of a pet (as that term is defined in § 21-20-101 of the Baltimore County Code) and the owner (as that term is defined in § 12-1-101 of the Baltimore County Code) of a pet or pets in adjacent burial plots. "Pet" means a domestic animal that has been adapted or tamed to live with people, as stated § 21-20-101 of the County Code.

Next, Bill 56-26 authorizes by-right a natural burial ground (pet and owner of pet) in the R.C. 2 Zone, in combination with a pet cemetery on a single lot or contiguous lots under common ownership or control of at least 150 acres on which is also located an existing state licensed animal shelter. However, this use is subject to Sections 401.2 and 401.2.1 of the Zoning Regulations.

The bill also adds a new paragraph to Section 401.2, which only applies to a natural burial ground (pet and owner of pet). The new paragraph states that the owner of a pet may authorize the burial of their pet or pets on a natural burial ground (pet and owner of pet), provided the pet or pets are buried in a plot that is adjacent to the owner's burial plot. Also, a natural burial ground (pet and owner of pet) on which a pet is buried in accordance with this section is not a pet cemetery as that term is defined in § 21-20-101 of the Baltimore County Code.

Last, the new paragraph states that a natural burial ground that is permitted by-right is subject to the review of any environmental submittals required under Section 401.2 and applicable regulations by the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, Bill 56-26 will take effect 14 days after its enactment.

FM-1 (Contract) **Council District(s) All**

Property Management

Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Services

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract with Multicorp Fire Protection Services, LLC to provide inspection, maintenance, repair, and new installation services for fire extinguishers/cabinets and fire suppression systems at various County-owned and/or operated facilities. The contract commences August 2, 2026, continues for 1 year, 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. Property Management advised that estimated compensation totals $747,889 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Total Compensation	
County (1)	$ 747,889	
State	--	
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	$ 747,889	(2)

Notes

(1) General Fund Operating Budget and/or Capital Projects Fund.
(2) Estimate for the entire 5-year and 4-month term.

Analysis

The contractor will provide all inspections, testing, labor, materials, tools, equipment, and supervision for the maintenance, repair, and new installation of fire extinguishers/cabinets and fire suppression systems at various County-owned and/or operated facilities. For repair services, the contractor must physically report to the site within 24 hours for non-emergencies and within 2

hours for emergencies to provide a quote to Property Management. According to the bid documents, there are currently 1,817 fire extinguishers and 33 range hood units in County facilities.

The County will be billed at unit prices in accordance with the type of work performed. Repairs will be performed at an hourly rate of $15 for regular time (Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and $22.50 for overtime (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.), weekends, and holidays. Unit prices range from $0.10 per annual hose conductivity test to $400 per inspection of wet chemical fire suppression and hood ventilation systems. Materials costs include a 5% markup.

The contract commences August 2, 2026, continues for 1 year, 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. Property Management advised that estimated compensation totals $747,889 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods.

Prior to the commencement of each renewal period, the County may entertain a request for an escalation in unit prices in accordance with the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – United States Average – All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics at the time of the request, or up to a maximum 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower. The County may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The County awarded the contract through a competitive procurement process based on low bid from six bids received; Property Management advised that three bids were disqualified. According to the procurement documents, there is not an M/WBE participation requirement.

On August 2, 2021, the Council approved a similar 5-year and 4-month contract not to exceed $1,143,032 with the contractor. As of April 15, 2026, expenditures/encumbrances under this contract totaled $892,439.

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 the approval of a contract with Multicorp Fire Protection Services LLC, to provide fire extinguisher services at various County sites.

In no event shall the total compensation paid to the Contractors exceed the sum of the County Council approved appropriated amount during the entire term of this Agreement including renewals thereof. This Agreement shall be effective August 2, 2026 and shall continue for one (1) year (the “Initial Term) at which the at which time the County may exercise its option to renew this Agreement for four (4) additional one (1) year renewals on the same terms and conditions. The County shall have the option of extending this Agreement at the end of the Initial Term or any renewal term for an additional 120 days, on the same terms and conditions.

This contract was competitively bid and was chosen based on best qualified, best value, experience, low bid and competitive bid.

Prior to the commencement of subsequent renewal terms, the County may entertain a request for an escalation in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – United States Average – All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics at the time of the request, or up to a maximum 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower.

Prepared by: Property Management

FM-2 (4 Contracts) **Council District(s) All**

State's Attorney's Office

Psychological and Bereavement Counseling Services – Victims of Crime

The Administration is requesting approval of four contracts, with Dr. Nakieta Lankster, PsyD, Retreat Christian Counseling-RCC 23, LLC, TDJ Services, LLC, and Women's InnerFitness & Wellness Center, LLC, to provide psychological and bereavement counseling services for individuals, families, and groups that have been impacted by violent crime. Each contract commences upon Council approval and continues for 5 years with the option to extend the term an additional 180 days. The contracts provide that compensation may not exceed the amount of grant funds appropriated for these services. The Office advised that estimated combined compensation for all contractors providing these services (including a previously approved contractor), totals $281,250 for the entire 5-year and 6-month term, including the extension period, assuming the same level of appropriation for each year. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Combined Total Compensation	
County	--	
State	--	
Federal(1)	$ 281,250	
Other	--	
Total	$ 281,250	(2)

Notes

(1) U.S. Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act funds passed through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

(2) Estimated compensation for all contractors providing these services (including a previously approved contractor) for the entire 5-year and 6-month term, including the extension period, assuming the same level of appropriation for each year.

Analysis

The Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office operates a Victim Witness Assistance Program, which offers psychological and bereavement counseling services on an individual, family, and group basis. The contractors will provide specialized bereavement and trauma-informed care

counseling to family members (i.e., adults, teens, and children) who have experienced the sudden, violent death of a loved one and traumatic events which are usually associated with a crime; trauma-informed therapy and specialized services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and individual counseling services for relatives of homicide and drunk driving fatality victims. The contractors will provide flexible service delivery options, including virtual therapy, individual and group counseling, multiple in-person locations throughout the County, and extended hours such as evenings and weekends. The contractors will provide services Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and evening and Saturday hours when required. The contractors also will provide technical assistance to the Office (e.g., court accompaniment). The contractors will be paid at an hourly rate of $150 for counseling services and psychological evaluations. The County will provide at its expense any educational materials requested by the Office.

Each contract commences upon Council approval and continues for 5 years with the option to extend the term an additional 180 day on the same terms and conditions, unless the County provides notice of non-renewal. The contracts provide that compensation may not exceed the amount of grant funds appropriated for these services. The Office advised that estimated compensation for all contractors providing these services (including a previously approved contractor) totals $281,250 for the entire 5-year and 6-month term, including the extension period, assuming the same level of appropriation for each year. The County may terminate the agreements by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The County awarded the contracts through a competitive negotiation process based on qualifications and experience from six proposals received. The Office advised that there is not an MBE/WBE participation requirement.

On May 2, 2022, the Council approved a similar 5-year and 6-month contract with Ellen Schwartz Patterson, L.C.S.W.-C. The contract expires May 1, 2027. According to the County's financial system, as of April 14, 2026, expenditures/encumbrances under the contract totaled $56,250. The Office advised that it is seeking additional contractors to perform psychological and bereavement counseling services because the current scope of services is limited to in-person bereavement counseling with restricted hours.

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 Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Unit has received funding through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA/VOCG) grant for many years. This funding has supported essential services for victims, including grief counseling for families impacted by homicide. Currently, these services are provided through a contract with Ellen Schwartz Patterson; however, the scope of services is limited to in-person bereavement counseling and restricted hours.

To better meet the evolving needs of victims, our office seeks to expand the range and accessibility of services offered. Specifically, we aim to provide trauma-informed therapy and specialized services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. In addition, we recognize the importance of offering flexible service delivery options, including virtual therapy, individual and group counseling, multiple in-person locations throughout the county, and extended hours such as evenings and weekends. Having additional options will help ensure full utilization of grant funds allocated for counseling services.

We have selected four contracted experienced providers that offer a wide range of services for victims. Having multiple therapists available ensures that victims have meaningful options and can choose the provider and approach that best meet their individual needs.

All services will continue to be funded through the VOCA grant and will remain within the limits of the awarded funding for each grant cycle.

Prepared by: State's Attorney's Office

FM-3 (Contract) **Council District(s) 5**

Office of Law – Real Estate Compliance Division

9821 Harford Road, 21234 – Jennifer Branch Relief Sewer Project

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract to acquire easement access spanning approximately 0.224 acre for $5,760 for the Jennifer Branch Relief Sewer project east of Harford Road and south of Northwind Road in Parkville. Perry Hall Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc. currently owns the property, which is located at 9821 Harford Road and zoned DR-5.5 (Density Residential, 5.5 units per acre). The easements will be used for drainage and utility, as well as temporary construction, areas. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Purchase Price	Notes
County (1)	$ 5,760	(1) Capital Projects Fund – Metropolitan District.
State	--	
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	$ 5,760	

Analysis

The Office advised that Everett Benfield Advisors, in its capacity as sub-contractor to the County's engineering contractor, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT), completed an appraisal of the property effective February 14, 2024, recommending a value of $5,760. The Office further advised that after review and analysis, JMT concurred with the appraisal, recommending the respective amount as just compensation for the acquisition; JMT offered the property owner $5,760 on behalf of the County, which the property owner accepted.

The total 0.224-acre property to be acquired, including drainage and utility easements (0.128 acre) and the temporary construction areas (0.096 acre), is part of a larger 3.528-acre parcel that is unimproved.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation advised that the Jennifer Branch Relief Sewer project includes the construction of approximately 6,000 feet of relief sewer along Jennifer Branch stream between Harford Road and Northwind Road. The Department also advised that a total of 25 acquisitions are needed for this project, and following approval of the proposed acquisition, there are no additional acquisitions requiring Council approval; the proposed acquisition is the 10th acquisition requiring Council approval. The Department previously advised that as of the adoption of the FY 2026 Capital Budget, appropriations earmarked for the project total $6.0 million; total project costs are estimated to be $9.6 million. The Department further advised that as of April 21, 2026, the County had expended/encumbered approximately $1.1 million for design, permitting, and property acquisition.

County Charter, Section 715, requires Council approval of real property acquisitions where the purchase price exceeds $5,000.

Executive Summary

PROGRAM TITLE:	Jennifer Branch Relief Sewer Project
PROJECT NO.:	010777250
FISCAL MATTER:	Contract of Sale
PROPERTY OWNERS:	Perry Hall Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.
LOCATION:	9821 Harford Rd Parkville, MD 21234
CONSIDERATION:	$5,760.00
PURPOSE OF PROJECT:	This contract is for the purchase of Drainage and Utility Easement 5,564 sq. ft. and Temporary Construction Easement Area 4,173 sq. ft.
LIMITS OF PROJECT:	9821 Harford Rd, Parkville, Maryland 21234

Prepared by: Office of Law – Real Estate Compliance Division

FM-4 (Contract) **Council District(s) All**

Office of Information Technology

Telecommunication Engineering Consulting Services

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) d/b/a CTC Technology & Energy to provide telecommunication engineering consulting services throughout the County. The contract commences upon Council approval and continues through November 4, 2027; if the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) extends its contract with CTC, through which the County's contract was cooperatively procured, the County reserves the right to extend the agreement to be co-terminus with the GSA contract. The contract provides that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Office advised that estimated compensation totals $112,500 for the entire 1-year and 6-month term. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Total Compensation	Notes
County (1)	$ 112,500	(1) Miscellaneous Plans Review (restricted program) funds.
State	--	(2) Estimate for the entire approximate 1-year and 6-month term.
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	$ 112,500 (2)	

Analysis

The contractor will provide telecommunication engineering consulting, wireless communication engineering support, and cable system construction inspection and performance monitoring and testing services. Services may include consulting services regarding fiber optic communications

systems, cable television and video systems, high-speed broadband voice, video, and data telecommunications, small cell permitting guidelines, traffic management systems, and wireless communications; providing a centralized source for private providers, County agencies, and the public to obtain information regarding the County's tower siting process and the location and description of potential sites; and routinely inspecting new cable and telecommunication construction to ensure the systems are properly designed and constructed in accordance with standard engineering practices and relevant standards, laws, and regulations. Hourly rates range from $63.86 to $368.39 depending on the position (e.g., help desk aid, analyst, engineer subject matter expert) and skill level. The contract provides that any pre-approved direct expenses will be reimbursed at cost with no markup.

The contract commences upon Council approval and continues through November 4, 2027; if the GSA extends its contract, through which the County's contract was cooperatively procured, the County reserves the right to extend the agreement to be co-terminus with the GSA contract. The contract provides that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Office advised that estimated compensation totals $112,500 for the entire 1-year and 6-month term. The County may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The County awarded the contract as a cooperative procurement of an existing competitively-bid GSA 5-year agreement that was effective November 5, 2022. The Office advised that there is not an M/WBE participation requirement.

On April 26, 2019, the County entered into a similar 2-year and 7-month contract (effective March 1, 2019) with CTC to provide telecommunications engineering consulting services for the County's wireless communication facilities, as a cooperative procurement of a 5-year Montgomery County–awarded agreement that was effective July 1, 2016 and subsequently extended through June 30, 2024. On June 25, 2021, the Office of Budget and Finance, Purchasing Division approved an amendment to the County's agreement to extend the term by one year to June 30, 2022. The Office advised that while the effective date of the amendment was July 1, 2021, the renewal period began July 8, 2021 and ended July 7, 2022. The Office also advised that, during the County's transition from Advantage to Workday, the County extended the term through June 30, 2023. On August 16, 2023, the Purchasing Division approved a third amendment to the agreement (effective July 1, 2023), to extend the contract term by one year to June 30, 2024 and to incorporate a 4.6% price escalation. The Office advised that the contract expired June 30, 2024 and that expenditures under the contract totaled $573,811.

The Office further advised that since the contract's expiration, no services were needed between July 1, 2024 and June 26, 2025; subsequently the County contracted for needed services via two individual Purchase Orders (P.O.) with CTC. Specifically, the County issued a $24,000 P.O. on June 27, 2025 for similar services; the County's financial system indicates that, as of April 16, 2026, the County has expended $20,149 under the P.O. The County issued a $2,500 P.O. on February 2, 2026 for CTC to support the review of the County's updated Master License Agreement for small cell facilities; the County's financial system indicates that as of April 16, 2026, no funds have been expended under the P.O.

County Charter, Section 715, requires County Council approval prior to execution of any contract for services exceeding two years or involving expenditures of more than $25,000 per year. As previously noted, a prior contract for similar services commenced March 1, 2019 and expired June 30, 2024, with total expenditures of $573,811, and it was not presented to the County Council for approval. The contract term and expenditures exceeded the thresholds described in the Charter. Following the contract's expiration, the County continued to obtain similar services through individual purchase orders.

Executive Summary

Summary - This fiscal matter seeks approval for an agreement with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) to provide telecommunication engineering consulting services using GSA contract GS-35F-0067U.

History – CTC has supported the County through cooperative agreements by providing engineering consulting, permit reviews, inspections, testing assessments, and related administrative and technical services. Their work spans communications networks, Small Cell (5G) permitting reviews, cable video systems, and other telecommunication infrastructure to ensure compliance with County requirements, industry standards, and applicable laws and agreements.

The Small Cell permitting process requires highly specialized technical expertise, including complex equipment review and RF emissions evaluations aligned with specific FCC guidelines. CTC has supported the County's Small Cell permitting needs and their processes and tools are already integrated into County operations.

Purpose –The County would like to continue use of CTC's expertise for referenced services. CTC has established approved General Services Administration (GSA) pricing for these services. These rates are consistent with prevailing market pricing. Scopes of Work for the following types of services will include, but not be limited to:

- Telecommunication Engineering Consulting – This may include consulting services regarding fiber optic communications systems, cable television and video systems, high-speed broadband voice, video and data telecommunications, small cell permitting guidelines, traffic management systems and wireless communications.
- Wireless Communication Engineering Support – This may include services to provide a centralized source for private providers, County agencies and the public to obtain information regarding the County's tower siting process and the location and description of potential sites.
- Cable System Construction Inspection and Performance Monitoring and Testing – This may include services to routinely inspect new cable and telecommunication construction to ensure the systems are properly designed and constructed in accordance with standard engineering practices and relevant standards, laws and regulations.

Fiscal Impact - The agreement will be effective from the date of County Council approval through November 4, 2027. The contract's compensation cap is not to exceed County Council approved appropriation.

NOTE - In preparing the Council Action Request Form for Columbia Telecommunication Corporation (CTC), the Office of Information Technology identified that the County's previous CTC contract, executed on March 1, 2019 under the Montgomery County–awarded agreement, was not presented to the County Council for approval. Under that 2019 agreement, the County expended a total of $573,811 for services ($552,310.84 in Advantage and $21,500.00 in Workday). The contract preceding the 2019 agreement was properly presented to and approved by the County Council on February 2, 2015, with a not to exceed amount of $500,000.

Prepared by: Office of Information Technology

FM-5 (Contract) **Council District(s) All**

Department of Public Works and Transportation

On-Call Parking Lot Maintenance and Repair Services

The Administration is requesting approval of a contract with M.T. Laney Company, Inc. to provide on-call maintenance and repair services for various County-owned and maintained parking lots. The contract commences May 6, 2026, continues for one year, 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 Office of Budget and Finance, Purchasing Division advised that estimated compensation totals $4,695,140 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Total Compensation	
County (1)	$ $4,695,140	
State	--	
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	$ $4,695,140	(2)

Notes

(1) General Fund Operating Budget.
(2) Estimate for the entire 5-year and 4-month term.

Analysis

The contractor will provide all labor, materials, tools, equipment, supervision, and incidentals necessary to provide pavement failure repairs and minor resurfacing on parking lots and walking paths in the County. Services include, but are not limited to, the installation, adjustment, and removal of asphalt, manholes, utility fixtures, valves, inlets, paving, pipes, topsoil, sidewalks,

curbs, gutters, seed and mulch, pavers, parking bumpers, and paving fabric. The contract provides that the contractor must mobilize at the job site within 10 days for non-emergencies, and within 8 hours for emergencies.

Unit prices range from $10 per chipped manhole or test pit excavation to $500 per private locator for utilities. Tack coat application will be billed at $20 per gallon. Rates for saw cutting and curb repair and replacement range from $1 to $71.50 per linear foot. Underdrain pipes will be furnished and installed at $200 per linear foot, and concrete backing rods and caulked joints will be installed at $10 per linear foot. Paving materials (hot mix asphalt, aggregate base course, rip rap) will be billed at prices ranging from $40 to $148 per ton, depending on the material (certain asphalt may be subject to an upcharge). Rates for pavement milling, paving fabric installation, and seed and mulch installation range from $4.75 to $14.50 per square yard. Rates for sidewalk repair and/or installation and concrete paving range from $13.90 to $27.73 per square foot, depending on the thickness (i.e. 4, 5, or 10 inches), material (i.e., concrete, brick pavers), and type (i.e., regular or pedestrian ramp). Rates for other services, such as topsoil application, class 2 excavation, and miscellaneous concrete work, range from $35 to $1,080 per cubic yard. Geogrid paper is billed at $10 per square foot. The mobilization rate is $3,500 per day. The rate for maintenance of traffic with an arrow board is $3,925 per day.

The contract commences May 6, 2026, continues for 1 year, 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 Purchasing Division advised that estimated compensation totals $4,695,140 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods.

Prior to the commencement of each renewal period, the County may entertain a request for an escalation in unit prices in accordance with the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – United States Average – All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics at the time of the request, or up to a maximum 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower. The County may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The County awarded the contract through a competitive procurement process based on low bid from 4 bids received. The contract establishes a 30% M/WBE participation requirement.

On January 5, 2021, the then-County Administrative Officer approved a similar 5-year and 4-month contract with the contractor not to exceed $3,872,556. (The Purchasing Division advised that it was considered a capital improvement contract rather than a maintenance contract.) The County's financial system indicates that, as of April 14, 2026, the County has expended/encumbered $4,688,395 under the contract. The Purchasing Division advised that it expects final expenditures to total $4,695,140, which would exceed the compensation cap by $822,584. The Purchasing Division further advised that an input error occurred regarding the amount of available funding under the contract in the transition from the AMS to Workday financial systems.

The County's financial system indicates that as of April 14, 2026, the County has one other contract with M.T. Laney Company, Inc. for bituminous concrete paving services.

County Charter, Section 715, requires County Council approval prior to execution of any contract for services exceeding two years or involving expenditures of more than $25,000 per year. As previously noted, a similar contract for these services was approved by the then-County Administrative Officer rather than the County Council. The contract term exceeded two years and the associated expenditures were above the Charter threshold.

Executive Summary

Parking Lot Maintenance and Repair Services, On-Call – M.T. Laney Company Inc.

Purpose – The Contractor hereunder shall provide and Baltimore County Government shall purchase on-call parking lot maintenance and repair services, to make various improvements to properties and parking lots located within Baltimore County. Work to be performed will be overseen by the Department of Public Works & Transportation.

Scope of Contract – The Contractor shall provide on-call parking lot maintenance and repair services which the County may require during the Term. The County reserves the right to order such services as may be required during the Term, and it also reserves the right not to order any services, if it is found that such services are not required by the County during the Term.

Contract Value $ - The contract does not specify a contract capacity. The capacity is tied to the total County Council appropriation for infrastructure services.

Term – One (1) year term from 5/6/2026 through 5/5/2027, with up to four (4) one-year renewal options through 5/5/2031.

Vendor Selection method – Request for Bid No. B-10000441, Parking Lot Maintenance and Repair, On-Call, closed 1/8/2026.
MBE/WBE – 30%

Prepared by: Department of Public Works and Transportation

FM-6 (3 Contracts) **Council District(s) All**

Department of Public Works and Transportation

Public Works and Transportation Construction Inspection Services

The Administration is requesting approval of three contracts, with Bota Consulting Engineers, Inc., Development Facilitators, Inc., and Stratified, Inc., to provide construction inspection services for various County government construction projects. Each contract commences October 18, 2026, continues for 1 year, 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 contracts provide that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Department advised that estimated compensation for all contractors combined totals $20,000,000 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Combined Total Compensation	
County (1)	$ 20,000,000	
State	--	
Federal	--	
Other	--	
Total	$ 20,000,000	(2)

Notes

(1) Capital Projects Fund (Metropolitan District and Capital Project Improvement Funds).
(2) Estimate for all contractors combined for the entire 5-year and 4-month term.

Analysis

The contractors will provide level I and level II construction inspection services for various County government projects on an as-needed basis. Level I inspectors will provide services for projects including construction, repair, and alteration of roads, bridges, utilities, and other public facilities, and stream and shoreline restorations and channel dredges. In addition, level I inspectors will provide field inspections of project sites, observe construction work in progress, and ensure that

the work of contractors and the materials used comply with contract plans and specifications. Level II inspectors will provide services for major construction projects including water or sewage pumping stations, water reservoirs, bridges, or similar projects with a cost greater than $1 million.

Work will be performed at hourly rates established within predetermined ranges of $20 to $35 for level I inspectors and $30 to $40 for level II inspectors. The contracts provide that the County will negotiate the hourly rate based on the candidate's experience and knowledge upon the completion of an interview. The contracts also provide that inspectors will be paid a monthly travel stipend of $500 and a laptop reimbursement amount of $50 per month. Markup for overhead (i.e., benefits, profit) is 1.83%, 1.69%, and 1.49% for Development Facilitators, Inc., BOTA Consulting Engineers, Inc., and Stratified, Inc., respectively.

Each contract commences October 18, 2026, continues for 1 year, 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, unless the County provides notice of non-renewal. The contracts provide that compensation may not exceed the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. The Department advised that estimated compensation for all contractors combined totals $20,000,000 for the entire 5-year and 4-month term, including the renewal and extension periods. The County may terminate the agreements by providing 30 days prior written notice.

Funding for these contracts will not be encumbered at this time. Rather, contract costs will be charged as project tasks are assigned. The contracts do not guarantee any minimum amount of work or compensation; the Department advised that the County will utilize services from the contractors on a project-by-project basis based upon an inspector's specific experience and knowledge (i.e., the Department will contact each contractor requesting applications from inspectors with specific experience; once applications are received, the Department will conduct interviews with the individual candidates).

The County awarded the contracts through a competitive procurement process based on low bid (i.e., lowest markup for overhead) from six bids received. The Department advised that there is not an M/WBE participation requirement.

Prior to the commencement of each renewal period, the County may entertain a request for an escalation in unit prices in accordance with the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – United States Average – All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics at the time of the request, or up to a maximum 5% increase on

the current pricing, whichever is lower. The County may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days prior written notice.

On October 18, 2021, the Council approved three similar 5-year and 4-month contracts with BOTA Consulting Engineers, Inc., Development Facilitators, Inc., and Stratified, Inc. not to exceed $16,451,469. On March 3, 2025, the Council approved amendments to the contracts to remove the combined compensation cap of $16,451,469 and limit compensation to the amount appropriated for these services for the entire contract term. According to the County's financial system, as of April 14, 2026, expenditures/encumbrances under the contract totaled $21,109,806: $14,455,817 Development Facilitators, Inc., $3,994,245 Stratified, Inc., and $2,659,744 to BOTA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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

Inspection Services, Public Works and Transportation Construction:
Bota Consulting Engineers Inc.
Development Facilitators Inc.
Stratified Inc.

Purpose – The Contractors hereunder shall provide and Baltimore County Government shall purchase public works and transportation inspection services for County construction projects and related infrastructure as needed. Work to be performed will be overseen by the Department of Public Works & Transportation, Engineering and Construction Division.

Scope of Contract – The Contractor shall provide public works and transportation inspection services which the County may require during the Term. The County reserves the right to order such services as may be required during the Term, and it also reserves the right not to order any services, if it is found that such services are not required by the County during the Term.

Contract Value $ - The contract does not specify a contract capacity. The capacity is tied to the total County Council appropriation for public works and transportation construction inspection services.

Term – One (1) year term from 10/18/2026 through 10/17/2027, with up to four (4) one-year renewals through 10/17/2031.

Vendor Selection method – Request for Bid No. B-10000445, Inspection Services, Public Works and Transportation Construction, closed 2/26/2026.

MBE/WBE – 0%

Prepared by: Department of Public Works and Transportation

FM-7 (Amendments to 6 Contracts) **Council District(s) All**

Department of Public Works and Transportation

On-Call Potable Water Pipeline Design Services

The Administration is requesting approval of amendments to six contracts, with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., The Wilson T. Ballard Company, GFT Infrastructure (previously known as Gannett Fleming, Inc.), KCI Technologies, Inc., Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Inc., and Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP to continue to provide on-call potable water pipeline design services for various projects throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan Water System. (When the contracts commenced, the contractors were assigned to "Tier 2" projects, defined as projects with costs that exceed $300,000; however, the Department advised that it no longer designates projects according to Tiers and assigns projects based on the technical capabilities of the contractors.) The Department advised that the proposed amendments, which commence upon Council approval, are necessary due to an increase in the number of projects (i.e., water main breaks) requiring these services, as well as increasing labor costs. The proposed amendments remove the existing combined compensation cap of $24,000,000 and do not include a specified not-to-exceed compensation amount; instead, total compensation for all contractors combined is limited to amount appropriated or Metro funding allocations for these services over the contract term. The Department advised that combined estimated compensation totals $48,000,000 for the entire 8-plus-year terms, including the renewal periods (an increase of $24,000,000 from the existing upset limit). The contracts commenced on various dates in 2021 and 2022. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Current Combined Maximum Compensation		Amended Combined Estimated Compensation [2]	
County [1]	$ 24,000,000		$ 48,000,000	
State	--		--	
Federal	--		--	
Other	--		--	
Total	$ 24,000,000	[3]	$ 48,000,000	[4]

[1] Capital Projects Fund (Metropolitan District).
[2] The proposed amendments remove the existing compensation cap and limit compensation to the amount appropriated for these services or to the Metro funding allocations for these services over the entire contract term.
[3] Current combined maximum compensation for the 8-plus-year terms.
[4] Combined estimated compensation for the entire 8-plus-year terms, including the renewal periods; amount exceeds the previous combined maximum compensation by $24,000,000.

Analysis

The contractors will continue to provide potable water pipeline design services throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan Water System. Services include: pipeline design; trenchless construction design; permitting; environmental surveys and studies; preparation of soil erosion, sediment control, and reforestation landscape plans; and construction phase services.

Services are performed at the engineer's cost plus profit. Profit is limited to 10% of the combined total of direct labor costs plus overhead and payroll burden. The Department advised that a May 23, 2022 Executive decision memorandum eliminated prior caps on labor rates and overhead/burden rates and shifted to a negotiated rate structure. The Department further advised that labor rates are established through negotiation, while overhead and burden rates are established based on annual audits. According to the Department, certain contracts have been amended to reflect updated negotiated rates, and the remaining contracts are in the process of being amended to reflect this structure. The Department advised that tasks are assigned to contractors based on qualifications and availability; the Department further advised that pricing is based on negotiated labor rates and audited overhead and burden rates rather than competition at the task level. Contract costs are charged to specific projects as they are assigned. The County may terminate the agreements by providing 30 days prior written notice.

The contracts stipulate that should work be performed under the 2005 consent decree, the contractors shall be liable for payment of penalties charged to the County for failure by the contractors to meet or achieve deadlines or requirements. The damages payable are dependent upon the type of project and the length of delay in completing the project. The Department advised that it does not expect to utilize these contracts for consent decree projects.

The Council approved the 8-year contracts with combined compensation not to exceed $24,000,000 on various dates in 2021 and 2022. Each contract provides that the agreement shall remain in effect until the earlier of the date upon which the required services are completed or the County terminates the agreement. The proposed amendments remove the existing combined compensation cap of $24,000,000 and do not include a specified not-to-exceed compensation amount; instead, total compensation for all contractors combined is limited to amount appropriated or Metro funding allocations for these services over the contract term. All other conditions remain the same. The Department advised that combined estimated compensation totals $48,000,000 for the entire 8-plus-year terms, including the renewal periods (an increase of $24,000,000 from the existing upset limit). The Department advised that the proposed amendments are necessary due to a rise in water main breaks, increasing the need for replacement projects. The Department also advised that since entering into the existing contracts, the caps and multipliers on labor costs for Professional Engineering Services were removed, impacting task costs but aligning the County with regional professional service fees. According to the County's financial system, as of April 13, 2026, expenditures/encumbrances under the contracts totaled $13,774,647: $3,887,092 to KCI Technologies, Inc., $3,357,490 to The Wilson T. Ballard Company, $2,662,378 to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., $2,035,623 to Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, $1,832,064 to GFT Infrastructure, Inc., and $0 to Dewberry Engineers, Inc., respectively.

The Department previously advised that the Professional Services Selection Committee (PSSC) selected the contractors from 12 submittals based on qualifications and experience. The Department also previously advised that tasks will be assigned to the contractors based on the size, type, and complexity of the work and the qualifications, skillsets, and staffing availability of the firms. The Department advised that there is a 20% M/WBE participation requirement.

The County's financial system indicated that as of April 13, 2026, the County has 11 other contracts with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 9 other contracts with KCI Technologies, Inc., 8 other contracts with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, 6 other contracts with GFT Infrastructure, Inc., 4 other contracts with The Wilson T. Ballard Company, and 1 other contract

with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. FM-8 on this agenda includes a contract with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl for on-call stormwater design services.

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

On-Call Potable Water Pipeline Design Services Tier 2

The Administration is requesting approval of an amendment to six existing contracts with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Wilson T. Ballard Company, GFT Infrastructure (previously known as Gannett Fleming, Inc.), KCI Technologies, Inc., Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Inc., and Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP for On-Call potable water pipeline design services to remove the current compensation cap. The contracts have an initial term of four (4) years, with two (2) additional two-year renewal options, for a maximum term of eight (8) years.

BACKGROUND
Professional Engineering Services were retained to assist with rehabilitation and improvements to the Baltimore Metropolitan Water System and Baltimore County small water systems. The water systems cover approximately 141,000 acres of land comprised of residential, industrial, and commercial areas. There are over 2,266 miles of public water mains with an average age of 51 years old and the oldest from 1920. Approximately one half of these water mains are cast iron pipelines potentially in need of replacement.

Since entering into the existing contracts, the caps and multipliers on labor costs for Professional Engineering Services have been removed, impacting task costs but better aligning the County with regional professional services fees. In addition, recent years have seen an uptick in the rate of water main breaks, increasing the need for replacement projects.

While the existing contracts have over half the contract time remaining, planned work is expected to quickly reach the not to exceed total. Removing contract caps will ensure the design of necessary water main rehabilitation projects assigned to this consultant will continue to move forward.

FISCAL
The amendments have been reviewed and approved by the Baltimore County Office of Law. If County Council approves this amendment, the contract term will remain in place for an initial 4-year term period, with two, two-year renewal options. There will be no upset limit for this contract. In no event shall the total compensation paid to the Professional Engineer (i.e. Contractor) under the contracts, exceed the sum of the County Council appropriation or Metro funding allocation during the entire term of this Agreement, including renewals thereof. There is an MBE/WBE goal of 20%.

Prepared by: Department of Public Works and Transportation

FM-8 (4 Contracts) **Council District(s) All**

Department of Public Works and Transportation

On-Call Stormwater Design Services

The Administration is requesting approval of four contracts with BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc., Century Engineering, LLC, McCormick Taylor, Inc., and Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, to provide on-call stormwater design services. Each contract commences upon Council approval, continues for 2 years, and will renew automatically for up to three additional 1-year periods. Each contract provides that the agreements shall remain in effect until the earlier of the date upon which the required services are completed or the County terminates the agreement, which may result in the agreement remaining in effect beyond the stated term. The contracts do not include a specific not-to-exceed compensation amount; instead, total compensation for all contractors combined is limited to the amount appropriated for these services over the entire contract term. The Department advised that combined estimated compensation totals $4,000,000 for the initial 2-year term and $10,000,000 for the entire 5-plus-year term. See Exhibit A.

Fiscal Summary

Funding Source	Initial Term		Total Combined Compensation	
County (1)	$ 4,000,000		$ 10,000,000	
State	--		--	
Federal	--		--	
Other	--		--	
Total	$ 4,000,000	(2)	$ 10,000,000	(3)

(1) Capital Projects Fund.
(2) Estimate for the initial 1-year term.
(3) Estimate for the entire 5-plus-year term.

Analysis

The four contractors will provide on-call stormwater design services to assist in developing and implementing storm water drainage assessment, restoration, and improvement works. Services will include, but are not limited to, drainage assets management, drainage projects, utility engineering, land reclamation and drainage restoration works, green infrastructure design, assessment and/or integration with existing drainage functions, and underground drainage works.

Each contract commences upon Council approval, continues for 2 years, and will renew automatically for up to three additional 1-year periods, unless the County provides notice of non-renewal. Each contract provides that the agreement shall remain in effect until the earlier of the date upon which the required services are completed or the County terminates the agreement, which may result in the agreement remaining in effect beyond the stated term. The contracts do not include a specified not-to-exceed compensation amount; instead, total compensation for all contractors combined is limited to the amount appropriated for these services over the entire contract term. The Department advised that combined estimated compensation totals $4,000,000 for the initial 2-year term and $10,000,000 for the entire 5-plus-year term. The County may terminate the agreements by providing 30 days prior written notice.

Services will be performed at the engineer's cost plus profit. Profit is limited to 10% of the combined total of direct labor costs plus overhead and payroll burden. The Department advised that labor rates are established through negotiation, while overhead and burden rates are established based on annual audits. Hourly rates range from $23.42 to $151.18, depending on the contractor and the position (e.g., field technician, project manager, Executive Director). The County will not encumber funding for the contracts at this time but rather will charge contract costs to specific projects as it assigns work tasks. The Department advised that work will be assigned evenly among the consultants, subject to staffing availability and expertise required for specific tasks.

The contracts stipulate that should the contractors perform work under the 2005 consent decree, the contractors shall be liable for payments of penalties charged to the County for failure by the contractors to meet or achieve deadlines or requirements. The damages payable are dependent upon the type of project and the length of delay in completing the project. The Department advised that the County does not expect to utilize the contracts for consent decree projects.

On September 17, 2025, the Professional Services Selection Committee (PSSC) selected the four contractors based on qualifications and experience from 11 proposals. The contracts establish a 20% M/WBE participation requirement.

The County's financial system indicates that as of April 13, 2026, the County has two other contracts with BayLand Consultants and Designers, Inc., three other contracts with Century Engineering, LLC, nine other contracts with Rummel, Keppler & Kahl, LLP, and two other contracts with McCormick Taylor, Inc. FM-7 on this agenda includes an amendment to a contract with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP for water pipeline design services.

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

2024-01 On-Call Stormwater Design Services

The Administration is requesting approval of contract agreements with BayLand Consultants and Designers, Inc., Century Engineering, LLC, Rummel, Klepper, & Kahl, LLP, and McCormick Taylor, Inc. to provide On-Call Stormwater Design Services. The contracts have an initial term of two (2) years, with three (3) additional one-year renewal options, for a maximum term of five (5) years.

BACKGROUND
Professional services are required to assist Baltimore County in developing and implementing storm water drainage assessment, restoration and improvement works. The primary use of this contract will be for drainage assets management deployment, drainage projects, utility engineering, land reclamation and drainage restoration works, green infrastructure design, assessment and/or integration with existing drainage functions, underground drainage works and any and all other related activities.

FISCAL
The BayLand Consultants and Designers, Inc., Century Engineering, LLC, Rummel, Klepper, & Kahl, LLP, and McCormick Taylor, Inc. contracts have been reviewed and approved by the Baltimore County Office of Law. If County Council approves these agreements, the contract term will be in place for an initial 2-year term period, with three, one-year renewal options. There is an MBE/WBE goal of 20%. There will be no upset limit for these contracts.

Prepared by: Department of Public Works and Transportation

MB-2 (Res. 15-26) Donation **Council District _All_**

Mr. Ertel (By Req.)

Fire Department

Accept Monetary Donation – Lawrence M. Rivitz – Fire Department

This resolution authorizes the County to accept a donation of $250 from Mr. Lawrence M. Rivitz to be used to support the Department's Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division by funding educational materials and informational handouts distributed at job fairs, community events, and school outreach programs throughout Baltimore County. See Exhibit A.

The Department advised that no additional costs are anticipated, and no County matching funds are required to receive the donation authorized by this resolution. The Department advised that the current appropriation for this program is sufficient to cover the revenue and expenses associated with the donation.

County Charter, Section 306, vests in the County Council the power to accept gifts. In addition, County Code Article 3, Title 11 governs the gift acceptance procedure of the County. Under § 3-11-101(a)(2), receiving a monetary gift, meaning a gift of cash rather than property, cannot be handled through the administrative process. Accordingly, a resolution is needed in order for the County to accept the gift.

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

Executive Summary

Baltimore County Fire Department
RESO-FIR-2026-1287
Budget:220-CC160000-GR1365

The Baltimore County Fire Department received a gift from Mr. Lawrence M. Rivitz in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) in appreciation of the service provided by two crews. This generous donation will support the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division by funding educational materials and informational handouts distributed at job fairs, community events, and school outreach programs throughout Baltimore County.

Prepared by: Fire Department

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE AGENDA
APPENDIX A

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: County Administrative Officer **DATE:** 4/1/26

FROM: Kevin D. Reed, Director **COUNCIL MEETING**
Office of Budget & Finance **DATE:** 5/4/26

SUBJECT: Public Recordation of Announcement
of Non-Competitive Commodity Awards Charter Sec. 902(f)

Whenever a commodity Supplier Contract / Purchase Order over $25,000 is awarded by a process other than a formal competitive bid, a copy of the Supplier Contract / Purchase Order must be provided to the Administrative Office for placement on the County Council agenda for announcement at the next session following the award of the Supplier Contract / Purchase Order. The announcement shall be recorded in the minutes of the County Council meeting, and shall be available for inspection by the public. In compliance with this procedure, supporting documentation of the awards are included and will be forwarded to the County Council.

Award Document

SCON 10000073-6 Emphasys Computer Solution, Inc.

As requested by The Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Office of Information Technology, this Supplier Contract Amendment increases the cap limit from Two Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Hundred Dollars ($2,260,000.00) to Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00) and add an additional two (2) three-year renewal periods to the contract term to cover the additional years of subscription licenses, maintenance and support.

As detailed in the 902f justification, the County is about to release a solicitation for a new Housing Software based on requirments that were completed this year. However, DHCD must use the Emphasys Elite Software to maintain the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, HUD Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing, Project-based accounting, budgeting and management, and all requirements associated with the US. Government's Housing and Urban Development Program and Accountability.

As the manufacturer of this software, Emphasys is the sole provider of ongoing service and maintenance for this product. The original agreement was the product of Request for Proposal No. P-115. Pricing and hosting fees will increase at the rate of 3% per year per the terms of the contract.

Additional Estimated Award Total: $740,000.00
Award Date: 3/27/26

SCON 10000028-5 Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI)

This Supplier Contract Amendment with ESRI is to add an additional three (3) one-year renewal periods, update pricing and remove the current compensation cap.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Director Chris Martin, ESRI as the owner and manufacturer, is the sole-source provider of software maintenance (technical support plus ESRI software updates/upgrades) for ESRI products in the United States for GIS and the County's GIS system is built on ESRI technology.

ESRI provides Geographic Information System (GIS) data which is information that is tied to a specific location on Earth and can be stored, analyzed and visualized. ESRI data is critical for public safety (Police, Fire, 911) to be able to perform spatial analysis and incident response. It also supports GIS data needs for other agencies (DPWT, EPS, Planning, PAI, etc.).

Additionally, it is also used to provide citizen access to the County's GIS data, via data portals and online web mapping applications.

Additional Estimated Award Total: $1,668,000.00
Award Date: 3/31/26

SCON 10003747 Spartan Tool, LLC

This Supplier Contract is for the purchase of replacement parts for the Spartan 1065 Drain Cleaning Machine through Spartan Tool LLC.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Lauren Buckler, Spartan Tool LLC is the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of these proprietary components. The Pipeline Maintenance Division relies on nine Spartan 1065 units for daily operations. Essential replacement parts are only available directly from Spartan Tool. Without access to these parts, the Division's equipment would become inoperable within months, requiring the purchase of new drain cleaning machines at a cost exceeding $3,000 each. Delays associated with sourcing replacements would create significant backlogs in residential drain cleaning services. Such delays increase the risk of sewage overflows, posing serious health and safety hazards to the public.

Estimated 5 Year Award Total: $225,000.00
Award Date: 3/27/26

SCON 10003738 Ferguson Enterprises, LLC

This Suppiier Contract is for the purchase of Sulzer and ABS pumps and parts through Ferguson Enterprises LLC.

As detailed in the Sole Source Justification signed by Lauren Buckler, Ferguson Enterprises LLC is the exclusive authorized distributor of Sulzer and ABS brand sewage pumps and components in the State of Maryland and used in the County's sewage pumping infrastructure. These pumps are currently installed in seventy-two units across twenty-three pumping stations Countywide and require ongoing maintenance with manufacturer-specific parts. Without access to these parts, the County would face costly pump replacements and potential re-engineering of entire systems, resulting in reduced station capacity, increased risk of sewage overflows, and potential public health hazards.

Estimated 5 Year Award Total: $200,000.00
Award Date: 3/31/26

PO 10032393 Whitcraft Transmission, Inc.

This Purchase Order is for the purchase of six rebuilt transmissions for Vehicle Operations Maintenance (VOM) through Whitcraft Transmissions, Inc.

As detailed in the 902f Justification signed by Joseph DeLucia, Whitcraft Transmissions held a previous contract with the County for providing rebuilt transmissions on an as-needed basis. In 2022, VOM found it to be more beneficial and cost effective to purchase new, original equipment manufacturer (OEM) transmissions vs. purchasing rebuilt transmissions. However, within the last year, due to a shift in the marketplace, VOM found that in some cases when considering factors such as vehicle age, mileage and replacement schedule, it would be beneficial to once again purchase rebuilt transmissions. In the case of the six vehicles, VOM found it to be more cost effective to purchase rebuilt transmissions. Additionally, VOM has submitted a requisition, requesting to solicit for bids and award a contract to provide rebuilt transmissions on an as-needed basis.

Award Total: $25,610.00
Award Date: 3/27/26

PO 10033434 James River Equipment Virginia, LLC

This Purchase Order is for the emergency repair of the Aljon ADV600 Landfill Compactor, utilized by the Bureau of Solid Waste Management though James River Equipment Virginia LLC.

As detailed in the Emergency Justification signed by Lauren Buckler, the Equipment Operations Maintenance Division (EOM) was notified that the Landfill Compactor was experiencing issues impacting its steering and causing the equipment to operate in an unpredictable and unsafe manner. EOM sought quotes from three (3) vendors and selected James River Equipment Virginia LLC due to their quote being inclusive of all labor and parts, and their ability to perform the work on-site. Failure to expedite repair would have resulted in substantial risk of injury to the compactor operator and may have resulted in additional component damage to the equipment.

Award Total: $71,239.87
Award Date: 3/31/26

cc: J. Benjamin Jr.,
T. Bostwick,
Elizabeth J. Irwin, Acting County Auditor