

Capital Improvement Program and Capital Budget

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INTRODUCTION

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the County's six-year financial plan for constructing and renovating permanent facilities such as schools, libraries, fire stations and roads. Capital projects often take multiple years to complete. The CIP provides a detailed, year-by-year schedule of all planned expenditures and financing requirements for each construction project.

The capital budget refers to expenditures planned for the first year of the CIP and provides the appropriation authority to spend the funds. The funds contained in the capital budget customarily support only a particular phase of a project, such as land acquisition, design or construction.

Since capital facilities provide benefits over a long period of time, the County normally spreads out their costs, paying for them through general obligation (GO) bonds and other forms of long-term indebtedness. This ensures that capital costs are not borne solely by today's taxpayers, but that future beneficiaries of capital projects also pay for them.

PLANS AND POLICIES THAT AFFECT THE CIP

The General Plan and Master Plan

In 1998, the Prince George's County Council found that the 1982 General Plan was no longer adequate to guide future County growth and development.

As a result, the County Council adopted The Biennial Growth Policy Plan in November of 2000. Per the Approved General Plan by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in October 2002, the Biennial Growth Policy Plan's fundamental recommendation represented a comprehensive Smart Growth initiative that utilized a system of growth tiers, corridors and centers to guide future land use and development in Prince George's County.

Then, in May 2014, the Prince George's County Council adopted Plan Prince George's 2035, the Approved General Plan. Plan Prince George's 2035 includes comprehensive recommendations for guiding future development within Prince George's County. The plan designates eight Regional Transit Districts, which are the focus of the County's planned growth and mixed-used development and which have the capacity to become major economic generators. Six Neighborhood Reinvestment Areas are designated for coordinated funding and resources needed to stabilize and revitalize these areas. Also identified in the plan are Rural and Agricultural Areas composed of low-density residential, agricultural uses and significant natural resources that are recommended for continued protection and investment to maintain critical infrastructure. The plan contains recommended goals, policies and strategies for the following elements: Land Use, Economic Prosperity, Transportation and Mobility, Natural Environment, Housing and Neighborhoods, Community Heritage, Culture, and Design, Healthy Communities and Public Facilities. Plan implementation through prioritization of strategies, measuring short- and long-term success, public and municipal engagement,

intergovernmental coordination and public-private partnerships are also described.

Comprehensive 10-Year Water and Sewerage Plan

Per the Approved 2018 Water and Sewer Plan, this plan embodies County goals, objectives and legal requirements for providing water and sewer service in Prince George's County while working with the solid waste, housing and transportation plans in providing guidance for the implementation of the County's General and Area Master Plans.

Furthermore, the water and sewer plan also acts as a statement of policy by implementing the land use and development policies set by the County and as a working document which guides County planning. The Plan provides parameters that define how public and private water and sewer services are provided to the County.

Comprehensive 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan

The County's Approved Comprehensive 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan for FYs 2017-2026 was adopted by the County Council on May 12, 2017. The plan is designed to meet the County's present and future needs for solid waste management programs and facilities. It identifies sources of solid wastes, provides for acceptable disposal sites and facilities and explores recycling and resource recovery possibilities. The Plan was developed through close cooperation among County departments and agencies. The CIP includes several projects recommended for implementation by the Solid Waste Plan.

Public Land and Facilities Inventory

The inventory provides a computerized and mapped inventory of all land and facilities that are owned by, leased to or donated to the Prince George's County Government, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water), the Prince George's Community College, the Prince George's County Board of Education and the M-NCPPC.

Public Facility Development Program

This program synthesizes policy recommendations from County land use plans and agency studies and plans using a 15-year time horizon. It ensures project conformity to County plans and examines best build alternatives with special attention to site requirements.

CIP AS A GUIDE TO PUBLIC ACTION

The CIP provides information needed for short-range land use planning and development decisions and serves as a coordinating device for the planning of government agency facilities and services planning. It represents the County's commitment and that of the semi-autonomous agencies, to provide public facilities in specific areas within the time period covered by the CIP. Projects included in the first two years of the CIP are closely related to current development and can be expected to be carried out essentially as programmed. Projects shown in the later years of the CIP may be subject to modification either in scope or timing, based on the review of needs, the availability of funding or other circumstances which cannot be predicted with certainty so far in advance.

Use of CIP Information in Comprehensive Rezoning

The majority of rezoning actions are now carried out through comprehensive rezoning or the Sectional Map Amendment process. This involves the review of and amendment to the zoning of an entire area at one time. These reviews occur every 2 to 6 years and are intended to rezone sufficient land to meet development needs for the next 6 to 10 years. Programmed public improvements are an important determinant of which areas will be suitable for developments during the time period covered by the Sectional Map Amendments. Conversely, the review of land requirements may lead to recommendations for public improvements needed to serve a developing area.

Subdivision Approvals Based on Adequacy of Public Facilities

The Subdivision Ordinance specifies that "the Planning Board shall not approve a subdivision plan if it finds that adequate public facilities and services do not exist or are not programmed for the area within which the proposed subdivision is located." The purpose of this requirement is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of local residents and to prevent

excessive expenditure of public funds. This Ordinance is an important tool to prevent the premature subdivision of land and the resulting pressures to extend public facilities beyond the County's budget capabilities.

The CIP's Role in the Coordination of Public Improvements

The County's first CIP was published in 1967. Since that time, one of the objectives of County management has been to refine the CIP to make the programming of projects more precise in scope and timing. The intent is to provide reliable information about the availability of public improvements to both private sector and public sector decision-makers. Another objective is to improve coordination among the governmental bodies that provide and use public facilities. In developing areas, the availability of appropriate support facilities can be critical to the operation of a new project. Likewise, the capacity of existing roads, sewers and water supply lines is an important consideration in building or expanding public facilities in highly developed areas.

FY 2026 – 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND BUDGET

The FY 2026-2031 CIP consists of various projects totaling \$4.1 billion, including projects for the M-NCPPC. The tables below provide a summary of the CIP by fiscal year as well as by agency. The following sections provide an overview of the FY 2026 capital budget, including revenues and expenditures by functional area and highlights of key capital projects. For additional details, please consult the FY 2026-2031 CIP book.

CIP Summary - All Agencies

Category/ Description	Total Project Cost	Life to Date Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	Total 6 Years	Budget Year FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Beyond 6 Years
EXPENDITURE											
PLANS	\$639,801	\$251,849	\$149,490	\$119,485	\$22,474	\$22,907	\$23,369	\$21,057	\$15,703	\$13,975	\$118,977
LAND	257,792	154,741	18,821	50,553	13,574	12,614	8,584	6,999	4,939	3,843	33,677
CONSTR	10,007,205	2,754,593	1,795,980	3,792,389	652,268	790,566	780,860	662,042	486,331	420,322	1,664,243
EQUIP	214,694	50,621	37,869	58,686	25,125	4,798	9,660	10,718	3,748	4,637	67,518
OTHER	1,216,132	1,085,723	43,138	69,047	25,304	10,045	9,625	7,328	8,218	8,527	18,224
TOTAL	\$12,335,624	\$4,297,527	\$2,045,298	\$4,090,160	\$738,745	\$840,930	\$832,098	\$708,144	\$518,939	\$451,304	\$1,902,639
FUNDING											
GO BONDS	\$5,628,930	\$1,937,054	\$624,489	\$1,678,062	\$276,158	\$265,173	\$309,276	\$323,818	\$277,884	\$225,753	\$1,389,325
REVENUE	590,962	259,389	14,834	316,739	78,576	171,716	49,254	6,813	9,628	752	—
FEDERAL	271,248	43,301	78,411	145,176	71,113	18,857	18,042	20,160	8,708	8,296	4,360
STATE	1,930,136	592,013	389,549	598,437	114,716	112,284	121,142	106,220	60,122	83,953	350,137
SW BONDS	937,173	434,512	134,835	367,806	72,085	89,555	69,171	54,562	43,477	38,956	20
DEV	304,451	61,622	55,488	29,341	6,938	4,230	4,130	4,130	4,783	5,130	158,000
MNCPPC	693,758	356,416	95,932	241,410	82,360	74,050	21,000	13,750	27,250	23,000	—
OTHER	1,978,966	1,146,306	199,663	632,997	112,872	157,583	149,851	79,581	56,052	77,058	—
TOTAL	\$12,335,624	\$4,830,613	\$1,593,201	\$4,009,968	\$814,818	\$893,448	\$741,866	\$609,034	\$487,904	\$462,898	\$1,901,842
OPERATING IMPACT											
PERSONNEL	\$6,860			\$6,860	\$636	\$119	\$1,184	\$4,882	\$39	\$—	\$—
OPERATING	4,247			4,247	491	201	1,048	1,838	669	—	—
DEBT	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
OTHER	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	\$11,107			\$11,107	\$1,127	\$320	\$2,232	\$6,720	\$708	\$—	\$—

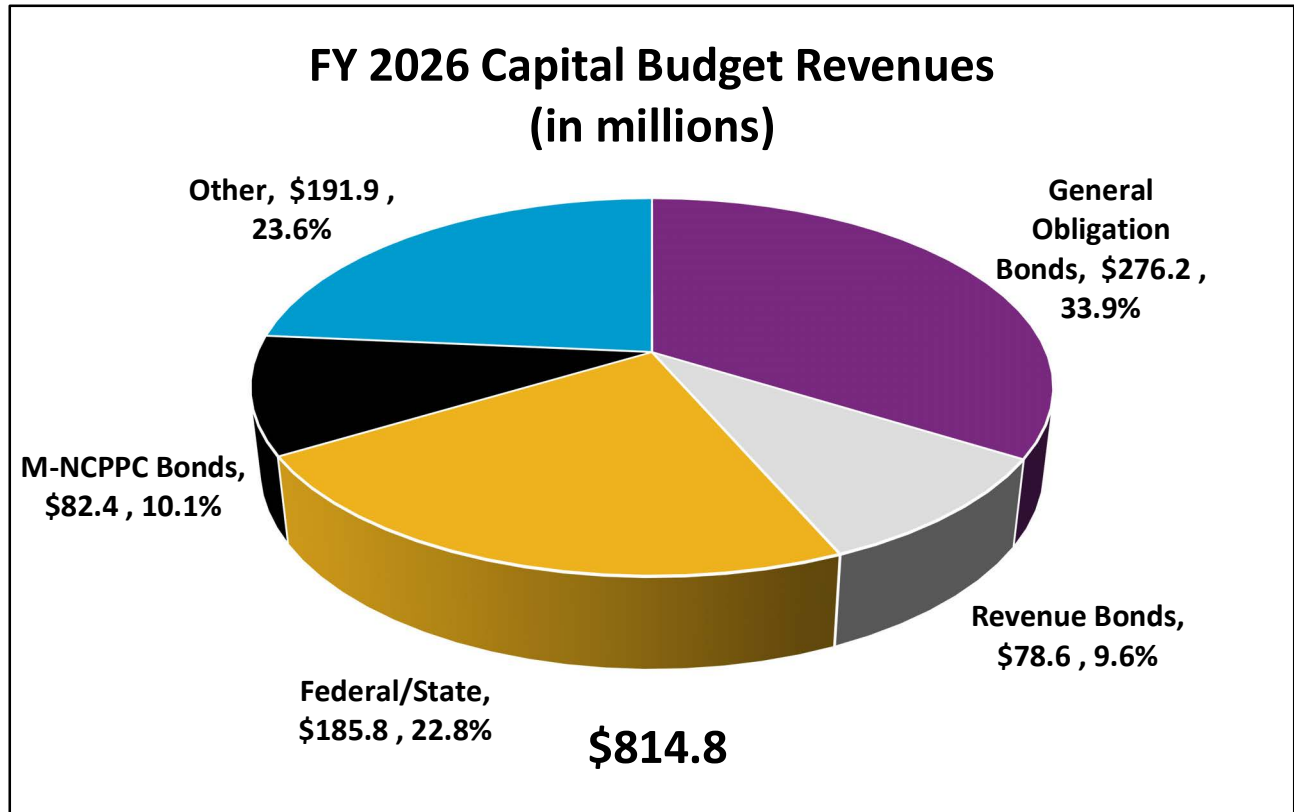
SUMMARY OF THE FY 2026 - 2031 APPROVED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

(Dollars in Thousands)

AGENCY/PROGRAM	FY 2026 APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET	FY 2026 - FY 2031 APPROVED CAPITAL PROGRAM
Board of Education	\$ 177,318	\$ 1,255,031
M-NCPPC	219,116	1,039,218
Public Works and Transportation	116,803	638,080
Stormwater Management	102,391	486,234
Office of Central Services	54,574	291,588
Community College	19,949	171,901
Department of the Environment	7,340	38,481
Fire/EMS Department	7,426	32,436
Memorial Library	4,478	63,074
Redevelopment Authority	2,336	23,097
Health Department	14,900	22,906
Circuit Court	3,500	18,500
Federal Programs	5,614	5,614
Office of Information Technology	2,000	3,000
Revenue Authority	1,000	1,000
Soil Conservation District	-	-
Total	\$ 738,745	\$ 4,090,160

NOTE: Starting in FY 2026, many of the CIP projects for the Fire/EMS Department have been merged into the Office of Central Services CIP program.

FY 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUES



The FY 2026 capital budget totals \$738.7 million and it is supported by new revenues of \$814.8 million.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

General obligation bonds are the primary source of the funding plan for the budget. In FY 2026, GO bonds total \$276.2 million, or 33.9%, of the total funding for the capital budget.

FEDERAL AND STATE AID

Federal and State aid provides \$185.8 million, or 22.8% of funding for the capital budget.

M-NCPPC BONDS

M-NCPPC bonds support 10.1% of total funding at \$82.4 million.

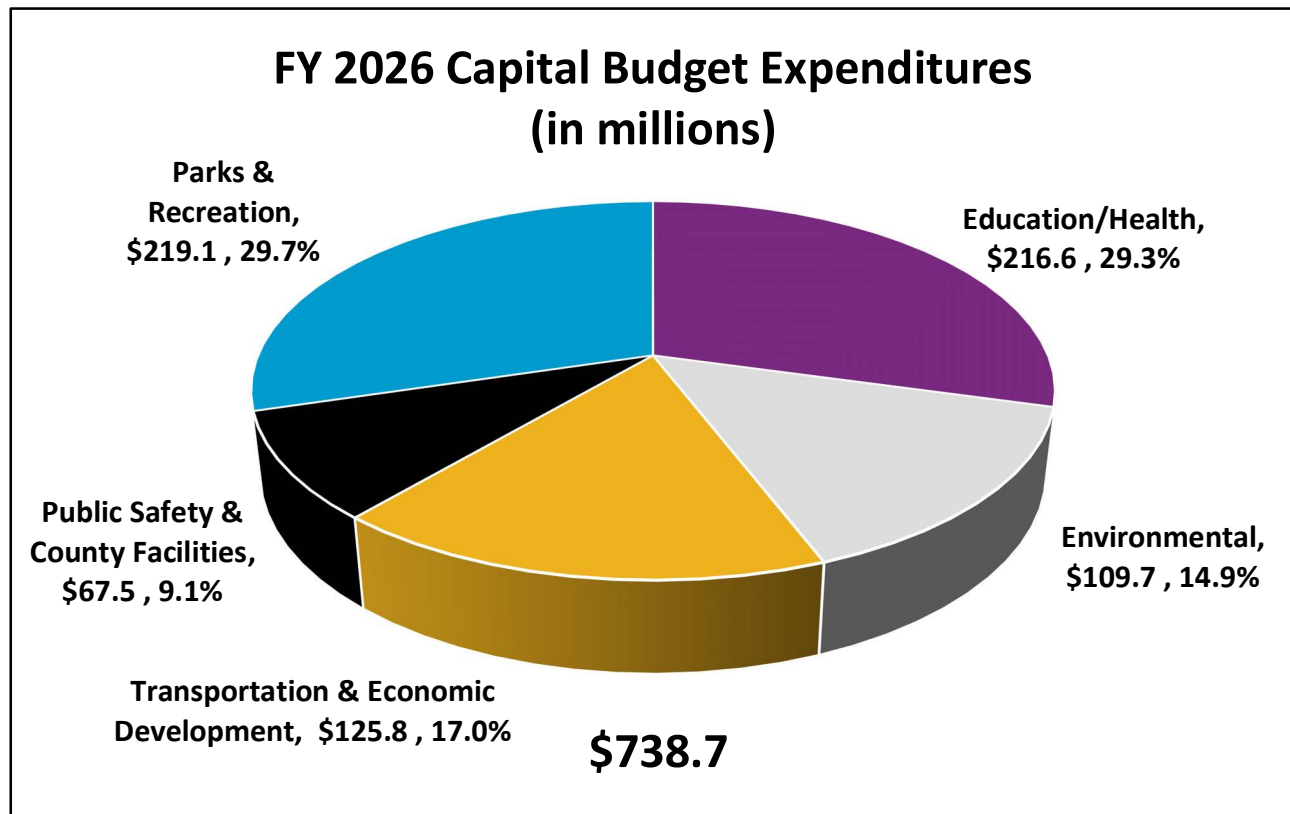
REVENUE BONDS

Revenue bonds provide \$78.6 million, or 9.6%, of the funding for capital projects.

OTHER FUNDS

The remaining \$191.9 million or 23.6% consists of “Pay-As-You-Go” (PAYGO) funding, stormwater management bonds, developer contributions and other funding sources. The specific funding sources for all expenditures are identified on each individual capital project page in the CIP budget.

FY 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES



Education and Health

The education and health portion of the FY 2026 capital budget is \$216.6 million or 29.3% of the total budget. This category includes expenditures for the Board of Education, Prince George's Community College, Prince George's Memorial Library and the Health Department.

Key Projects

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- The FY 2026 capital budget contains County funding in support of systemic repairs to schools in need of roofs, boilers, windows, piping, HVAC and elevators.
- Significant investments will continue for the design and construction of the William Schmidt Educational Center, High Point High School and the Suitland Annex Replacement.

LIBRARY

- Improvements to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act continue to be a top priority.
- Renovating branch libraries will continue in FY 2026. This includes HVAC systems repair and replacement, information technology infrastructure upgrades, public restroom upgrades, painting and CCTV cameras.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Construction for the Renovate Marlboro Hall project will continue in FY 2026 with an anticipated completion date in summer 2025.
- Improvements will continue in FY 2026 under the College Improvements project. This will include the replacement of the roof-top HVAC system at the Novak Field House.

Transportation and Economic Development

The transportation and economic development component is budgeted at \$125.8 million, or 17.0%, of the total FY 2026 capital budget. Agencies within this category include the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Revenue Authority of Prince George's County, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County and federal Community Development Block Grant funds managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Transportation funding comes primarily from general obligation bonds. Additional revenues come from developer contributions and from the federal government, primarily in support of the bridge construction program.

Key Projects

- Pavement rehabilitation and concrete rehabilitation work will continue in FY 2026 under the Curb & Road Rehabilitation 2 project.
- The Transportation Enhancements 2 project includes funding for critical capital needs that may arise such as traffic calming devices, thermoplastic pavement markings, installation and repair of guardrails and other safety related road improvements.
- FY 2026 funding will support the replacement and rehabilitation of several bridges, including Brandywine Road, Chestnut Avenue and Livingston Road.
- DPWT will continue the design of the Green Street Improvements project utilizing the "complete street concept" to include environmental and bio-retention facilities, pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements, landscaping enhancements and street lights.
- The Blue Line Corridor project will provide State funding to support infrastructure projects along the Blue Line Corridor, including improvements around the Largo, Garrett Morgan Boulevard, Addison Road/Seat Pleasant and Capitol Heights metro stations.
- New and upgraded traffic signal installations will be supported at various locations under the Street Lights & Traffic Signals 2 project.

- The FY 2026 budget provides funding for two economic development projects- Carillon Parking and FBI Headquarters Infrastructure Improvements.

Parks and Recreation Facilities

A portion of the capital budget spending is for park and recreation facilities, accounting for \$219.1 million, or 29.7%, of the total expenditures. This part of the capital program is administered by the M-NCPPC. Funding comes from a combination of sources that include the sale of bonds by the Commission, State aid under Program Open Space, PAYGO funding and contributions from grants. The budget supports the acquisition of park land and the development of park facilities, including the purchase of playground equipment and the construction of new community centers.

Key Projects

PARK ACQUISITION

The total cost for park acquisition is \$3.6 million for FY 2026 and covers one acquisition category that will be funded by Parkland.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

The total cost for approved park development is \$45.2 million for FY 2026. This category includes specific park development projects, trail development, public safety improvements and other facility development.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

The total cost for approved infrastructure maintenance is \$80.8 million for FY 2026. This category includes aquatic facilities, historic properties, community centers, park buildings and stormwater infrastructure.

Environmental

The capital budget for the environmental category totals \$109.7 million, or 14.9% of the FY 2026 budget. The two major areas that are addressed under this component are solid waste management and stormwater management. Solid waste management capital projects are funded primarily by revenue bonds. The debt service costs for these bonds are supported by tipping fee charges to trash haulers and other revenues collected by the Solid Waste Management Enterprise Fund.

Key Projects

- The FY 2026 program continues operational and facility improvements and repairs for Brown Station Road Landfill as well as post-closure requirements for Sandy Hill Landfill. For the Brown Station Road Landfill, the FY 2026 program includes design funding for the Area C project, extending the County's landfill capacity to the year 2045 or beyond, scalehouse upgrades and to continue design for upgrades to the existing leachate pre-treatment facility as required by the regulatory arm of WSSC Water.
- The Materials Recycling Facility FY 2026 program includes funding for concrete replacement, procurement of a new conveyor belt and installation of a plastic vacuum for the optical sorter.
- FY 2026 funds support a new pond construction initiative required by the Soil Conservation District and various improvements to meet State regulations for the Organics Composting Facility
- FY 2026 funding continues to support planning and construction of Countywide restoration of untreated impervious areas to meet MS4/NPDES Permit, Chesapeake Bay and local requirements.
- Funding in FY 2026 will support identifying and analyzing small groups of existing dams and performing a standard breach analysis to evaluate potential flood impacts in downstream areas as part of the Stormwater Classified Dams project.
- Planning and construction of flood protection and drainage relief projects continues in FY 2026 to correct home flooding, alleviate road flooding and correct residential yard drainage facilities will continue.

Public Safety and County Facilities

Constructing public safety and other County facilities comprise the remainder of the FY 2026 capital budget. These two functions account for \$67.5 million, or 9.1%, of the FY 2026 capital budget. The public safety category includes facilities for the Police, Fire/EMS and Corrections departments as well as the Circuit Court. Projects under the County facilities portion of the capital

budget consist primarily of renovations to current facilities as well as information technology projects managed by the Office of Information Technology. The funding for these projects is primarily from the sale of general obligation bonds.

In FY 2026, the Office of Central Services began to manage many of the CIP projects previously managed internally by the Fire/EMS Department. This change represents a continuation of the effort to centralize CIP project management.

Key Projects

FIRE/EMS

- Renovation of the Hyattsville Fire/EMS station is expected to be completed in FY 2026.
- Improvements and rehabilitation of various fire stations will continue in FY 2026.

COURTS

- Renovations and security improvements to the Courthouse will continue in FY 2026.

CENTRAL SERVICES

- Planning and design will be completed and construction will begin for the Shepherd's Cove Family Shelter.
- The County Administration Building project in Upper Marlboro will continue construction in FY 2026.
- Improvements and rehabilitation of various County-owned buildings will continue in FY 2026.
- Construction will continue for the Special Operations Division Facility (formerly Barlowe Road Renovations) with the renovation of the community space.
- Construction will begin in FY 2026 for the Prince George's Homeless Shelter.
- Improvement and rehabilitation of various Police Stations will continue in FY 2026.
- FY 2026 funding for the Detention Center Housing Renovations project supports for the completion of

renovations on housing units 5 and 6 and the beginning of renovations to units 14 and 15.

- District VI Police Station funding will support the move to temporary swing space as construction begins.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Funding to support strategic information technology initiatives that support County priority projects, improve citizen access to County services, promote government operational efficiency and effectiveness, foster quality customer service and enhance performance and security capabilities.

OPERATING IMPACTS

Most capital improvement projects generate future operating budget costs in one or more of three ways: debt service, which uses current revenues to repay previously issued debt (similar to how a mortgage or car loan works); PAYGO, which uses current revenues or available fund balance to offset the need to issue debt or to fund projects that are not eligible for debt financing (similar to a down payment on a house or car); and changes to ongoing operating expenses, which can include increases due to the construction of new facilities (e.g., utilities, landscaping, maintenance, etc.) or decreases due to renovations to existing facilities (e.g., energy efficiency improvements, lower maintenance costs, etc.).

Key Operating Impacts

Debt Service

- The capital budget's primary impact on the operating budget is the debt service cost. These costs are paid from local revenue in the general fund operating budget and reflect costs associated with issuing long-term bonds to finance the CIP. Debt service is funded in the FY 2026 operating budget and includes interest and principal payments for debt issued for capital projects. A detailed description and explanation of these costs are included in the Non-Departmental section of the operating budget under Debt Service. The FY 2026 General Fund budget includes \$197.7 million for debt service costs and represents 4.1% of total General Fund spending.
- To ensure that capital spending levels do not adversely impact the operating budget and the County's ability to maintain current services in future fiscal years, debt levels are carefully monitored. The two principal debt ratios used by the County as debt policy guidelines are:
 - The ratio of General Fund debt service to County source revenue is not to exceed 8.0%. The level of this ratio is 6.8% as of June 30, 2024, which is within this limit based on the County's audited financial statements. This is projected to increase to 7.1% percent by June 30, 2025.
 - County policy limits net direct debt to no more than 3.0% of the full market assessed value of property. The County's statutory debt limit under the Annotated Code of Maryland is 6.0% of its assessable base. The County remains within this limit at 1.3% of the net direct debt to assessed value for FY 2024.

Current Revenue and PAYGO

- Certain CIP projects are funded directly with County current revenues to avoid costs of borrowing. These amounts are included in the operating budget as specific transfers to individual projects within the capital budget. PAYGO funding is an additional amount included in the operating budget as a direct bond offset to reduce the amount of borrowing required for project financing. PAYGO funding can include current year revenues or transfers from the County's undesignated fund balance reserves. The FY 2026 PAYGO information is displayed in Non-Departmental – Grant and Transfers section of the budget and totals approximately \$11.5 million.

Operating Budget Impacts

- Capital projects that represent new initiatives or that add additional space to existing facilities impact the operating budget. The most significant effect occurs when additional personnel must be hired to staff the newly constructed facility. Other impacts can include custodial, utility and maintenance costs. For renovations of existing facilities or infrastructure, the impact on the operating budget is minimal. In the case of resurfacing, road maintenance costs should decrease resulting in operating budget savings.
- Individual environmental projects in the stormwater category do not add significantly to agency operating costs. When taken in aggregate, however, the addition of thousands of feet of new storm drain and numerous holding and detention ponds does have operational impacts. The grounds around flood control systems, drainage channels, retention basins and storm drain easements must be maintained in

connection with the new construction. Catch basins and main lines must be cleaned and kept clear of debris, as well. The operating costs will be supported by the Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund.

- A detailed analysis of the operating budget impacts is currently under construction in the FY 2026-2031 CIP book due to changes in the County's budget and publication systems. When developed, this information will aid in the review and decisions on the timing of public facilities and to show what a new building or road will cost in addition to its construction costs and any required debt service payments. Each project page will display operating budget impacts of each individual project where applicable. Some preliminary information has been developed for the parks and recreation facilities by M-NCPPC. More comprehensive information is anticipated to be displayed and completed in the FY 2027-2032 CIP budget book.

