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**Chair, Planning Advisory Board**

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Planning Advisory Board (PAB)  
Meeting held virtually via Zoom  
February 21, 2025  
8:30 AM

**PAB Present:**

Gus S. Kurtz, Jr., Chair  
Melanie Hartwig-Davis, Vice Chair  
Lawrence Blevins  
Edward Evans

**Staff Present:**

Michael Stringer, Senior Planner, Long Range Planning Section, OPZ  
Jessica Levy, Planner I, Long Range Planning Section, OPZ  
Naomi McAllister, Senior Capital Budget Analyst, Office of Budget  
David Braun, Engineer Administrator, Department of Public Works (DPW)  
Beth O'Connell, Deputy Director, Bureau of Engineering, DPW  
Rainna Thompson, DPW  
Susan Herrold, Central Services Officer, Central Services  
Nicole Clinton, Deputy Central Services Officer, Central Services  
Kate Dawson, Senior Management Assistant, Central Services  
Karen Henry, Director, DPW  
Alexander Baquie, Deputy Director, Bureau of Highways (BOH), DPW  
Blake Lightcap, Chief, Infrastructure Management Division, DPW  
Nestor Flores, Chief Traffic Engineer, BOH, DPW  
Jessica Leys, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP)  
Erica Matthews, Deputy Director, DRP  
Bruce Bruchey, Chief of Planning and Construction, DRP  
Matt Fleming, Director, Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County  
Amal Awad, Chief, Police Department (PD)  
Katie Roberts, Deputy Chief, PD  
Henry Farrell, Police Management Administrator, PD  
Erik Michelsen, Deputy Director, Bureau of Watershed Protection Restoration, DPW  
Rhody Holthaus, Deputy Director, Bureau of Waste Management (BWM), DPW  
Stephen Krajcsik, Solid Waste Operations, Administrator, DPW  
Michael Porath, Solid Waste Operations, Administrator, DPW

Christopher Murphy, Engineer Administrator, Utility Planning, Bureau of Engineering, DPW  
Noelle Anuszkiewicz, Utility Operations Administrator, Bureau of Engineering, DPW  
Jack Martin, IT Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT)  
Kay Hoffman, Senior Management Assistant, OIT  
Michael Tarquinio, Assistant Information Technology Officer, OIT

### **Others Present**

Erin Dey, Sunil Dewan, Kristin Etzel - Aide to Councilwoman Pickard, Linda Harris - Aide to Councilman Smith, Michael Hubriak, Diana Winter, Phyllis Clancy, Brenda Cachuela, Abbie Malloy, Andrew Powell, Lily Anna Segalman, Neil Bergsman, Tatyana Padro

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Kurtz called the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

Mr. Evans motioned to approve the agenda, Ms. Hartwig-Davis seconded the motion. The agenda was approved 4-0.

For an overview of the funding requests for each project, please see the budget materials posted on the [Planning Advisory Board website](#).

### **Capital Projects Review: Central Services**

**C443500 - Facility Renovation/Relocation:** Previously approved for \$850K annually. Increased FY26 request to \$1.6M and increased the outyears request to \$1.25M annually. This project has a backlog of requests based upon the needs of County agencies.

**C537800 - County Facilities & System Upgrades:** Previously approved for \$6.5M annually. Increased FY26 request to \$10.5M. This project has a backlog of requests based upon the needs of County agencies. This fund is often impacted by emergency repairs that cause shifts in the priority list.

**C571700 - Parking Garages Repair & Renovation:** Previously approved for \$2.39M in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$5.228M and increased funding in the outyears. Cost increases are due to needs in the Whitmore and Glen Burnie garages.

**C571800 - Millersville Garage Renovation:** Previously approved for \$2.65M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$2.008M and increased funding in the outyears. This project will occur when the new Fire Maintenance Facility (**C571900**) is complete.

**C571900 - Fire Equipment Maintenance Facility:** Previously approved for \$300K in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$10.51M and increased funding in the outyears due to cost escalation.

**C577900 - Ralph Bunche Community Center:** Requesting \$5.505M in FY26 for renovations so that the space can be leased back to a non-profit organization to provide family support programming. The operating costs and programmatic costs will be paid by the non-profit occupying the space.

**C585700 - Circuit Courthouse Major Renovation:** Previously approved for \$10.22M in FY26.

Decreased FY26 request to \$759K. This project will provide renovations to the Circuit Courthouse including updates to the roof, the boilers and chillers, and bathrooms.

**C591200 - County Septic System Assessment:** Requesting \$739K in FY26 for an assessment to guide future funding for design and replacement of systems in the County in future years. Replacements funds currently come from the operating budget, and upgrades and replacements are expected to increase overtime. This project will provide emergency funds for replacement.

**C591300 - Glen Burnie Plaza Redevelopment:** Requesting \$8.48M in FY27. The County is partnering with the Resilience Authority to obtain grant funding to redevelop the Glen Burnie Town Center Plaza to improve outdoor community event and gathering space, increase resiliency and stormwater management and better direct pedestrian traffic.

**C437000 - Underground Storage Tank Replacement:** Previously approved for \$100K annually to replace underground storage tanks that are required by the State to be upgraded.

**C582800 - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations and Other Green Technology:** Previously approved for \$660K annually.

**C586100 - ADA Retrofit and Installation:** Previously approved for \$250K annually.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Ms. Hartwig-Davis and Mr. Blevins asked about the septic tank assessment (C591200). This is an assessment of County owned and operated septic tanks, such as those at Recreation and Parks facilities. This assessment is ongoing, but the funds will cover an emergency replacement if a need is discovered during the assessment.

Ms. Harwig-Davis asked about the Ralph Bunche Community Center (**C577900**). This is in South County on Mill Swamp Road near the intersection with Muddy Creek Road. It is a former Rosenwald School in a historically African American community that is being renovated into a community center.

Ms. Harwig-Davis asked about the Fire Equipment Maintenance Facility (**C571900**). This is a facility that will be specifically designed for maintenance on vehicles operated by the Fire Department, such as firetrucks and ambulances.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the Millersville Garage renovation (**C571800**). Currently the Millersville Garage houses and handles repairs for vehicles across the entire County fleet, including the Fire Department. All of the equipment and vehicles at the current garage will be moved to allow renovation of the Millersville Garage. All of the vehicles in the Fire Department fleet will be moved to the Fire Equipment Maintenance Facility. Once the Millersville Garage renovation is complete it will be used to service all other County vehicles in the fleet.

Mr. Blevins asked about the Glen Burnie Plaza Redevelopment (**C591300**). The project is focused on the County-owned public plaza. Grant funding is slated for this project.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis and Mr. Blevins asked about the EV charging stations (**C582800**). This project installs EV chargers at County facilities and is ongoing as the County converts to an electric fleet. The County is working with the Resilience Authority on this project. There have been a handful of EVs purchased each year. Central Services policy is to purchase as many hybrids or EVs as possible. There are less than 20 EVs within the fleet.

Central Services elaborated on the cost savings for the Courthouse renovation (**C585700**). The original estimate was based on a complete overhaul of the HVAC system. After replacing the chillers and boilers, the remaining HVAC system did not require as much renovation as expected.

Central Services elaborated on the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park (**P588400**). A non-profit center is up and running at 41 Community Place. Central Services is working with partners to determine which buildings will be rehabilitated first to allow for use. DPW is taking the lead on necessary water and wastewater improvements for current tenants. DRP will take the lead moving forward on park improvements.

#### **Capital Projects Review: General County - Roads, Bridges, and Traffic Control**

Ms. Henry provided a brief statement on the work of DPW, as they work closely on all CIP projects and are the lead on many projects presented today.

### *Highways Presentation*

**C562400 - Additional Salt Storage Capacity:** Previously approved for \$10K in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$0 and shifted funding to the outyears to replace the Davidsonville Yard and build a new West County Yard.

**C580000 - West County Road Operations Yard:** Requesting \$2.179M in FY26 to replace the aging Odenton Yard with a new facility at a new location.

**C589000 - Traffic Maintenance Facility Upgrade Relocation:** Approved for \$5.153M in FY26.

Decreased FY26 request to \$0 and shifting funding to the outyears for a new facility to merge roads engineering and maintenance staff. The existing administrative building was lost to a fire in 2024. The new facility will provide capability for a Traffic Management Center with intelligent traffic control systems and real time traffic data to reduce traffic congestion.

**H586700 - Outing Avenue Retaining Walls:** Requesting \$131K in FY26 to replace deteriorating retaining walls along Outing Avenue.

**H589700 - Marley Neck Boulevard Road Improvements:** Requesting \$91K in FY26. This project will identify existing conditions and determine necessary infrastructure updates to create a consistent cross section throughout the corridor.

**H590300 - Shoreham Beach Road Improvements:** Previously approved for \$184K in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$456K to build on a previous study to incorporate recommended bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

**H591900 - Gambrills/Dicus Mill Road Improvements:** Previously approved for \$490K in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$1.124M for improvements, including a new roundabout to address safety issues due to limited sightlines.

### **Pavement and Masonry Management Program:**

**H478600 - Road Resurfacing:** Previously approved for \$14.18M annually. There is a backlog of projects within this fund.

**H478900 - Road Reconstruction:** Previously approved for \$11.38M annually. There is a backlog of projects within this fund.

**H479000 - Masonry Reconstruction:** Approved for \$1.115M annually.

**H564100 - Arundel Mills Maryland Live! Local Development Council (LDC) Roads:** Previously approved for \$500K annually, fully funded by the Video Lottery Impact Aid fund.

**H566600 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ROW Compliance:** Previously approved for \$1.115M annually. This project provides updated curb cuts, audible cross indicators, and improved sidewalk connections.

**H589900 - State Road Sidewalks Maintenance and Repair:** This project does not have a new funding request.

### *Traffic Control Presentation*

**H479100 - Guardrail:** Previously approved for \$125K annually.

**H479200 - Traffic Signal Modification:** Previously approved for \$300K annually. This project replaces aging equipment.

**H479400 - New Traffic Signals:** Previously approved for \$350K annually.

**H479500 - Neighborhood Traffic Control:** Previously approved for \$150K annually.

**H542100 - New Street Lighting:** Previously approved for \$75K annually.

**H550700 - Streetlight Conversion:** Previously approved for \$500K annually.

**H563600 - Streetlight Pole Replacement:** Previously approved for \$500K annually.

**H564200 - Developer Streetlights:** Previously approved for \$1.5M annually.

### *Bridges Presentation*

**H478700** - *Major Bridge Rehab*: Previously approved for \$700K annually. This is for projects that can be addressed with minor improvements and do not require a full CIP project request.

**H534900** - *Magothy Bridge Road Bridge/Magothy River*: Requesting \$315K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

**H535100** - *Harwood Road Bridge*: Project is complete and came in \$88K under budget.

**H535200** - *Furnace Avenue Bridge / Deep Run*: Requesting \$31K in FY26.

**H545900** - *Roads & Bridges Project Plan*: Requesting \$150K in FY26. Funds are added as needed to address planning before a project is added to the CIP.

**H561000** - *O'Connor Road / Deep Run*: Requesting \$66K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

**H561100** - *Polling House/Rock Branch*: Requesting \$557K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

**H566800** - *McKendree Road over Lyons Creek*: Refunding \$557K based on current estimates.

**H575300** - *Brock Bridge/Little Patuxent Bank*: Project is complete and came in \$97K under budget.

**H583400** - *Bridge Program Management*: Previously approved for \$100K annually. There is a consultant working on this project to review inspection reports and plan for future improvements.

**H590000** - *Culvert Invert Paving*: Requesting \$76K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

**H590200** - *Patuxent Road/Little Patuxent River*: Requesting \$29K in FY26.

### *School Off Site*

**C478300** - *Safe Routes to Schools*: Previously approved for \$500K annually. These projects are proposed by the Board of Education and implemented by DPW to increase the safety for biking and walking to schools.

### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked about the West County Operations Yard (**C580000**). This project will be at a new location and will be co-located with the Millersville Landfill. The existing property in Odenton will likely be sold for development since it is within the Odenton Town Center Transit Oriented Development area. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment has been completed for the property in Odenton.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the future Eastern District Road Operations facility. This future site is still to be determined. There are existing facilities on Mountain Road (MD 177) and Dover Road. DPW will examine where it is most geographically responsible to locate this facility to serve as a hub for the eastern district.

Mr. Evans asked about the salt storage facilities (**C562400**). Life expectancy of the wooden structures is approximately 30 years. Storage of the salt is difficult because it degrades various materials like metal, concrete, and even wood. There is no preventive maintenance as it is expected that the wood will need to be replaced.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the Shoreham Beach Road project (**H590300**). DPW is in discussions with the community, two alignments of the shared use path (SUP) have been explored. The preferred alignment is parallel to the edge of the road.

### **Capital Projects Review: Dredging**

**Q000126** - *FY26 Dredging Program*: New request of \$3.913M in FY26 and is anticipated to receive a State grant of \$1.652M. This project will fund dredging in the Upper West River and Johns Creek, Marley Creek, and Asquith Creek.



**Q582400 - South County Dredging Strategic Plan:** Previously approved for \$946K in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$0 and shifted funding to outyears. This project will fund fine grading of the dredged material at the Cape Anne beneficial re-use site. A study identified five sites for beneficial re-use of dredged material that will restore shoreline habitat and reduce flood risk.

**Q463600 - Waterway Improvement Project Planning:** Previously approved for \$89K annually. Decreased the FY26 request to \$0 and increased the outyears request to \$90K annually. This project is used to generate background information for annual grant applications.

**Q475000 - Waterway Dredge Placement:** This project is complete and came in \$13K under budget.

**Q500000 - Dredged Materials Program Site Management:** Previously approved for \$150K annually.

**Q514100 - Sloop, Eli & Long Coves Retrofits:** Construction completed and addressing maintenance issues. Requesting \$87K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

**Q542900 - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Monitoring:** Previously approved for \$58K annually. Increased the request to \$59K annually. The requirements of this project may lead to delays in future dredging projects.

**Q584900 - Yantz and Saltworks Creek Dredging:** Project complete and came in \$16K under budget.

**Q585000 - Grays Creek & Hunters Harbor:** Project complete and came in \$29K under budget.

**Q585100 - Dividing Creek Dredging 2:** Refunding \$103K based on current estimates

**Q591100 - FY24 Dredging Program:** Requesting \$303K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

**Q592800 - FY25 Dredging Program:** Requesting \$163K in FY26 due to an updated cost estimate.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked if the County owns a dredged material site. The County owns four sites, three of them used regularly: Rock Creek, Idlewild, near Jack Creek Park, and Marley Creek Site (used only for dredging of Marley Creek). DPW also has an agreement with the Maryland Port Administration to place a certain amount of material at their Cox Creek Facility.

Mr. Evans asked about dredging at Tenthouse Creek. This was in the FY26 grant request to Maryland Department of Natural Resources but was not recommended for approval and will not be moving forward this year.

Mr. Blevins asked about the life of the placement sites. It varies, but can be indefinite. After material has been placed for a while and dried, it can be moved to another location. For example, at Jack Creek Park, material was later used for shoreline restoration and grading improvements.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the SAV monitoring (**Q542900**) and the relationship with the River Keepers in the County. Information is shared with all partners. The SAV monitoring DPW conducts is limited to the dredged channels. Monitoring finds that SAV will re-grow after dredging, so impacts are temporary. For work outside of maintained channels, regulatory requirements for mitigation are triggered and negotiations involve neighbors and local environmental organizations as well as the regulatory agencies.

Mr. Kurtz asked if the dredged material is tested for chemical contamination. DPW runs tests before the material is dredged to determine where the materials can be placed. There are more stringent requirements for placing materials at the Maryland Port Administration site than at the other locations.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP)**

Ms. Leys provided an overview of the work of DRP and the department needs. DRP has seen an increase in park visitors since 2019. There are a number of projects that are scheduled for construction in FY26 and the years to come to continue to provide excellent facilities for park

visitors. Additionally, DRP is working with the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to increase environmental stewardship throughout the County.

**P000525 - Old Mill Area Parks Improvements:** New request of \$1.438M in FY26 to improve Arden on the Severn and Waterbury Parks, both located in former Old Mill High School feeder system (now in Severn Run feeder system). The current parks are not meeting the needs of the communities that utilize them.

**P000625 - South River Farm Park Improvements:** New request of \$1.093M in FY26 for design and engineering of projects identified by the Stakeholder Advisory Group held in FY25 to revise the 2018 Master Plan.

**P000926 - Severn Danza Park Expansion:** New request of \$497K in FY26. Recreation & Parks envisions limited development in forested areas and expects use primarily for nature exploration and passive recreation.

**P372000 - South Shore Trail:** Previously approved for \$9.574M in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$13.78M. This project is for 14 miles of trails that will extend between Annapolis and Odenton.

**P393600 - WB&A Trail:** Previously approved for \$7.572M in FY26. Refunding \$1.816M based on current estimates associated with a reduced scope for Phase IV. This project will link the South Shore Trail in Odenton with the Patuxent River & an existing rail trail in Prince George's County.

**P400200 - Greenways, Parklands, & Open Space:** Previously approved for \$3M annually. Decreased FY26 request to \$2.645M. This project will provide funding for new property to support the County's recreational and conservation goals. This project is anticipated to receive approximately half of the requested funds through Program Open Space funding.

**P445800 - Facility Lighting:** Previously approved for \$780K annually. Increased the FY26 request to \$2.286M. This project will install or maintain lighting for outdoor recreation facilities throughout the County.

**P452500 - Recreation & Parks Project Plan:** Previously approved for \$27K annually. This is an ongoing multi-year project to explore the feasibility of potential projects. The outyear requests are determined by the needs of the department at that time. The current studies are listed below.

**P452541 - Indoor Sports Complex:** Continuing. FY25 completed conceptual design for the Edgewater Recreation Center.

**P452553 - Underutilized Park Study:** Studies completed and moving into Design for Marley Creek Regional Park and Crofton Park Improvements.

**P452554 - Valentine Creek Water Access Study:** Study completed, moving into Design.

**P452562 - South River Farm Park Master Plan:** Master Plan completed, moving into Design.

**P452664 - GIS/Surveying & Mapping:** Data analysis continuing.

**P452569 - Old Mill Area Park Improvements:** Study completed, moving into Design.

**P452570 - Severn Danza Park Expansion:** Master Plan completed, moving into Design.

**P452573 - Crofton Park Skate Facilities:** Conceptual design underway.

**P452575 - S County Rec Center Conditions Assessment:** Study underway.

**P452576 - Compass Pointe GC Conditions Assessment:** Study underway.

**P457000 - School Outdoor Recreation Facilities:** Previously approved for \$327K annually. This project will design, construct, or improve recreational facilities on Board of Education property.

**P468700 - Stream / Shoreline Erosion Control:** Previously approved for \$13.49M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$352K and shifting funding in the outyears. This project seeks to preserve the County's investment in waterfront park properties.

**P479800 - Park Renovation:** Previously approved for \$3.445M annually. Increased FY26 request to \$8.66M. This project funds a variety of renovations that are vital for maintaining existing facilities. As DRP adds new parks, trails, and facilities, they require more funds to maintain those assets.

**P504100 - Broadneck Trail:** Requesting \$3.014M in FY26 Phase 1B & Phase 5 construction.

**P509100 - Facility Irrigation:** Previously approved for \$250K annually. This is a multi-year program to install and repair wells throughout County Parks.

**P535900 - Fort Smallwood Park:** Requesting \$428K in FY26 to carry out the recommendations of a master plan completed in 2009, including a new comfort station with restrooms and concessions, a new parking lot, a new maintenance building, and renovations to the barracks.

**P544100 - Dairy Farm:** This project is closed and refunding \$22K.

**P561700 - Turf Fields in Regional Parks:** Requesting \$1.56M in FY26 to replace synthetic turf at the Annapolis Boys & Girls Club.

**P565100 - Northwest Area Park Improvements:** Requesting \$6.179M in FY26. This project is fully funded by Video Lottery Impact Aid funds. This project will provide funds for the West County Swim Center (**P579900**).

**P567400 - Water Access Facilities:** Previously approved for \$268K annually. This project will enhance water access opportunities in existing parks including Dale Wharf and Valentine Creek.

**P570300 - Beverly Triton Nature Park:** Requesting \$250K in FY26. This project is in coordination with the Resilience Authority, and in FY26 will include remedial stormwater management.

**P573200 - Hot Sox Park:** Requesting \$347K in FY26 to complete improvements at Wilson house.

**P573300 - Carrs Wharf:** Requesting \$127K in FY26 to design a living shoreline.

**P576300 - Glen Burnie Ice Rink:** Project is complete and came in \$37K under budget.

**P578900 - Park and Trail Resurfacing:** Approved for \$300K annually. Increased FY26 request to \$548K for repairs at Lake Waterford Park and WB&A trail.

**P579000 - Brooklyn Park Community Center:** Requesting \$2.327M in FY26 to complete Design and move into Construction.

**P579900 - West County Swim Center:** Requesting \$40.99M in FY26. This project will provide an aquatic center in a high to medium needs area as identified in the 2022 LPPRP. A new location is identified and DRP is working to purchase the property.

**P584300 - ADA Compliance:** Previously approved for \$350K annually to address needs system wide. An ADA accessibility assessment was completed for amenities throughout the County.

**P584600 - Quiet Waters Park Rehab:** Previously approved for \$3.587M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$3.498M and shifting funding to the outyears.

**P587900 - Tanyard Springs Park:** Refunding \$814K based on current estimates. This project is currently under construction and expected to be completed in FY26.

**P588000 - Bacon Ridge - Severn Chapel:** Requesting \$737K in FY26 for Phase 1 construction and Phase 2 design of site improvements include parking, historic preservation, and equestrian hitching and care area.

**P588100 - South Shore Park:** Requesting \$1.041M in FY26. Design is underway and the project may include new indoor and outdoor multipurpose fields, a fieldhouse, basketball court, rest stop for the South Shore Trail, parking and other site improvements.

**P588400 - Crownsville Memorial Park:** Requesting \$113K in FY26 for improvements to athletic fields. The request reflects a State grant.

**P591000 - Lake Waterford Park Improvements:** Requesting \$5.211M in FY26 to complete design and permitting and start construction for multiple improvements including pickleball, covered tennis courts, and adaptive multi-sport court.

**P592500 - Davidsonville Recreation Center Renovation:** Previously approved for \$2.439M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$1.272M. This project will result in expanded parking, utility upgrades, ADA improvements, stormwater management, and expanded and renovated athletic fields.

**P592600 - Edgewater Region Recreation Improvements:** Requesting \$4.814M in FY26 for community-use recreational facilities at a former big box store in Edgewater. The initial work would result in a new Community Recreation Center with indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.



**P592700 - Marley Creek Regional Park:** Previously approved for \$530K in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$1.186M. This project will provide a new Glen Burnie area regional park on a 72-acre County property on Hospital Drive. The site is envisioned to include the conservation of green space and environmental features while incorporating community park amenities. The park development follows community input and a needs analysis.

*PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz and Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about turf fields. Every high school now has two turf fields. At the State level, there has been debate in the legislature about use and disposal of synthetic turf material. Turf fields are used throughout professional and collegiate sports. Youth athletes would be at a disadvantage if they couldn't practice and play on synthetic turf fields. The County also has bermudagrass turf fields that require a lot of maintenance.

Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Blevins asked about the site for the West County Swim Center (**P579900**). The acquisition of the property is anticipated to be settled in March. The site is not located on Fort Meade. The location is within the Arundel Mills Maryland Live! Local Development Council (LDC) radius. The location should not disrupt the community as it is an existing commercial area.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis commended DRP and the Resilience Authority for their work on preservation and sustainability.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked for the top priorities. The new requests are listed in order of priority, with maintenance of existing parks taking priority over adding new parks. Of ongoing projects, top priorities are the West County Swim Center (**P579900**) and the Edgewater Rec Center (**P592600**).

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the Hot Sox improvements (**P573200**). The field was redone and the historic house will be renovated. There are challenges of renovating a historic house and making it ADA accessible. DRP is building a platform around the structure to replicate its original footprint and include interpretive elements in the windows that will be accessible.

Mr. Kurtz asked about Fort Smallwood Park (**P535900**) and Weinberg Park. Weinberg Park and Hancock's Resolution Park are part of the Fort Smallwood Park system. Weinberg Park will be improved once improvements at the Fort Smallwood Complex are complete.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the Broadneck Trail (**P504100**). Construction on the section between Baydale Drive and Anne Arundel Community College is ongoing. The Cape St Claire area is in Phase 1B and 5, which is seeking funding in FY26.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis commented on the Stakeholder Advisory Group for South River Farm Park (**P000625**) as she worked on that committee. She asked DRP to elaborate on the barn. DRP is seeking some kind of sheltered space for school children to congregate on field trips. There are no specifics on the programming that could occur, as DRP does not know the scope of renovations to the historic barn.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about funding opportunities. DRP constantly seeks grant funding from a variety of sources. There are opportunities for public private partnerships, though these are not as sought on the private side and sometimes struggle with community support.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the status of the Patuxent River Bridge as part of the WB&A Trail (**P393600**). This project is nearly complete. There is a remaining safety related issue, but the fix is underway and is anticipated to be completed in April.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the cost of the West County Swim Center (**P579900**). The FY25 request was a placeholder to keep the project going as DRP sought a location. The FY26 request reflects the full cost of constructing the pool. Construction is planned to take two years, but may be split into additional phases.

Mr. Blevins asked about the funding for Northwest Regional Parks (**P565100**) and the West County Center (**P579900**). DRP was provided LDC funds for a “wow” project in the Northwest area of the County. While DRP needs funding for park maintenance projects, the LDC was looking to fund a bigger project that could bring people to an area and stimulate the economy. After working with the LDC, DRP determined the funding could be used for the pool. Additionally, the LDC was asked to set aside additional funds to offset the costs of the pool in the long run.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis about the Dairy Farm (**P544100**). Central Services is the property manager, not DRP. The funding was originally in place if DRP wanted to move forward on developing facilities on this property, but that is no longer in the works.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Public Safety – Police**

**F563000 - Police Training Academy:** This project does not have a new FY26 request.

**F572800 - New Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Facility:** Project is complete and came in \$98K under budget.

**F575100 - Evidence & Forensic Science Unit:** This project does not have a new FY26 request.

**F580600 - Police Special Ops Facility:** This project does not have a new FY26 request.

**F586600 - New Police Firing Range:** Requesting \$5.458M in FY26.

**F589500 - New Northern District Police Station:** Increased the FY27 and FY28 request for construction. This project will provide a new facility that accommodates the number of officers working at this station.

#### **PAB Question/Comments**

Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Evans asked about the firing range (**F586600**). A new indoor range will be developed at the Davidsonville Police Academy and the existing outdoor range on site will be decommissioned. The existing firing range is in poor condition and the new facility is necessary.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the Northern District Police Station (**F589500**). The project assessment indicated that the new station can be built on the existing property with minimal impacts to operations. The department will not need to move to a new location during construction.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Bureau of Watershed Protection & Restoration (BWPR)**

**B551600 - Culvert and Closed Storm Drain Rehab:** Previously approved for \$5.167M annually. Increased request to \$8M annually. This project will address a backlog of repairs to extend the life of and enhance closed storm drain infrastructure and culverts.

**B551700 - Emergency Storm Drain:** Previously approved for \$2.35M annually. Increased request to \$4M annually.

**B551800 - Storm Drainage / Stormwater Management Infrastructure:** Requesting \$2.04M in FY26 and \$1M annually in the outyears. This project provides Countywide repairs to storm drain infrastructure for water quality improvements.

**B561100 - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP) Restoration Grant:** Requesting \$1.2M in FY26. This program runs through the Chesapeake Bay Trust and gives grants to nonprofit organizations working on water quality projects. County staff are involved in the analysis and selection of grant proposals.

**B568300 - Public/Private Performance of Water Quality Improvements:** Requesting \$2M in FY26. This project engages the private sector in the County's clean water efforts and drives down the cost of compliance. The improved areas are put in an easement to the County.

**B552200 - Magothy River-Stream-03 (Mill Creek):** Requesting \$4.394M in FY26 for construction. This project will run from Joyce Lane to the Community College.

**B554800 - Patapsco Tidal -Stream - 07 (Marley Creek):** Requesting \$7.026M in FY26.

**B556700 - Little Patuxent-Outfall-01 (Russett Outfalls):** Requesting \$5.408M in FY26 for construction in the Russett community.

**B559700 - South River-Stream-04 (Glebe Branch):** Requesting \$1M in FY26 for a project in the South River Colony.

**B571600 - Severn Outfalls (Upper Cowhide Branch):** Requesting \$104K in FY26 for a tributary that runs from Annapolis Mall past the Medical Center.

**B582500 - Clark Station Rd Resilience Improvements:** Requesting \$1.475M in FY26 for construction in a flood prone area in Severn. This is one part of a larger project that also includes land conservation to reduce flood risk and improve water quality.

**B588900 - PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) Monitoring & Remediation:** Requesting \$1.42M in FY26. This project works closely with researchers at UMBC to study hot spots and remediate them.

**B001126 - Little Patuxent-Odenton Natural Area Restoration:** Requesting \$1M in FY26 for a project in the Oxbow Natural Area adjacent to the Russett Community.

**B001226 - SE - Jabez 3 Construction:** Requesting \$3.2M in FY26 for an area between MD 32 and I97, which is a key tributary to the Severn River. This project builds on restoration on other reaches of the Jabez Branch.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked about the Permit Cycle Placeholder (**B577500**). This project is a placeholder to estimate requests within the six-year CIP based on permit application needs. The next permit, which will be issued at the end of 2026, is anticipated to have a similar set of requirements to the current permit. The increased funding request reflects the transition from design and permitting phase to the construction phase.

Mr. Kurtz asked about compliance with the County's municipal stormwater discharge permit. DPW already met the stormwater retrofit requirements for the current permit and the upcoming work will apply towards the next permit. Over the next several years, BWPR will continue to ask for construction funding to meet the permit. There is not anticipated to be an influx in the number of projects addressed each year to meet the permit requirements.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Waste Management**

**N000726 - Leachate Pretreatment Plant:** Requesting funding in the outyears to re-activate the Millersville Landfill (MLF) leachate pretreatment plant to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds from landfill wastewater before it is sent to the wastewater treatment facility. PFAS are an emerging concern, and there are new regulations for monitoring these "forever chemicals".

**N000826 - Millersville Water Trans Main:** Requesting funding in the outyears to extend the public water system to the area surrounding the MLF, if required by regulation to track "forever chemicals".

**N422700 - Solid Waste (SW) Project Planning:** Requesting \$125K in FY26 to provide for planning level studies with preliminary engineering.

**N526900 - SW Renovations:** Previously approved for \$1.44M annually. This project provides maintenance to buildings, roads, sewer, and mechanical and electrical systems.

**N578800** - *MLF Subcell 9.3 Design and Construction*: Refunding \$2.765M based on current estimates. There are no scope or timing changes to this project.

**N581900** - *MLF Cell 9 Landfill Gas Design and Construction*: Requesting \$43K in FY26 and shifting funding in the outyears. This project provides a permanent landfill gas collection system in Subcell 9.1 and a temporary collection system in Subcell 9.2.

**N584200** - *Maintenance of Closed Landfill*: Requesting \$1.672M in FY26 to create a framework for the use of the Solid Waste Assurance Fund (SWAF) for post-closure care at the MLF.

**N590800** - *MLF Maintenance Building Upgrades*: Shifting funding in the outyears. This project will provide office renovations, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and other site improvements.

**N590900** - *MLF Subcell 9.4 Design and Construction*: Requesting funding in the outyears for the fourth phase of Cell 9 disposal area development.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked about a previous request relating to MLF entrance upgrades (**N581800**). The project is complete and does not have a new budget request. There is now a way for County fleet vehicles to bypass the customer line and access the fueling area and to exit the facility. Additionally, stormwater management improvements were implemented.

Mr. Kurtz commented about a strike from a contract holder and asked for a status update. Three of the County's 14 contracts for waste collection are held by one provider. The local union employees of the provider went on strike in the fall, and went back to work in December. During the strike, other vendors stepped in to maintain service on a delayed schedule. The three contracts with the provider that had the strike comes to an end this year and was competitively rebid to different vendors.

Mr. Evans asked how DPW is dealing with PFAS. The first step is to monitor and better understand where it is in the environment, how people are exposed, and what risks are posed to human health. There are new monitoring requirements from the US Environmental Protection Agency to the States. The PFAS are in a number of consumer products that end up in landfills. The PFAS can then leach into the soil and groundwater under the facility.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis commended DPW for their proactive action on data monitoring of PFAS.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked if there were any updates in the recycling program. DPW is tracking State legislation and prices for commodities, like aluminum.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the compost operations and facility. Yard waste collected curbside is composted at a County facility and a private company has been contracted to run the operation and market the compost. Yard waste can also be ground into mulch for use at County facilities.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Wastewater**

**S776700** - *Waste Water (WW) Strategic Plan*: Previously approved for \$150K annually. Increased FY26 request to \$322K. The increased funding will go towards upgraded tracking software.

**S802300** - *Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Infrastructure Upgrade and Retrofit*: Previously approved for \$14.24M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$12.64M. There are odor issues at the Annapolis treatment plant that will be addressed through this project.

**S806700** - *Cinder Cove Force Main (FM) Rehab*: Requesting \$2.642M in FY26.

**S807300** - *Annapolis WRF Upgrade*: Requesting \$13.71M in FY26 due to latest cost estimates.

**S807600** - *Piney Orchard Sewer Pump Station (SPS) & FM*: Previously approved for \$13.39M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$0 and shifted funding to the outyears. This project provides updates to meet ENR and County operational requirements.

**S809900** - *BioPhosphorous Treatment Removal*: Requesting \$893K in FY26.

**S810000** - *Managed Aquifer Recharge*: Previously approved for \$5.325M in FY26. Decreased request to \$1.278M in FY26. This project will provide an advanced water treatment plant so that wastewater is purified and used to replenish the groundwater.

**S810100** - *Minor System Upgrades*: Previously approved for \$12.79M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$0 and shifting funding in the outyears. This project will provide ENR at a number of mobile home parks in the County.

**S810200** - *Biosolids Facility*: Previously approved for \$28.64M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$0 and shifting funding in the outyears. This facility destroys PFAS. This project might be impacted by a State bill that will prohibit the application of biosolids.

**X764200** - *WW Project Planning*: Previously approved for \$1.539M in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$4.465M.

**Z533200** - *Routine Sewer Extensions*: Previously approved for \$802K in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$240K and increased outyears request to \$505K annually.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked about Minor Systems Upgrades (**S810100**). This project is anticipated to receive State Bay Restoration Funding grants for 75 percent of the project costs. Additionally, funding is anticipated to come from the private mobile home park operators. Nearly all of the mobile home parks in the County have surface discharges, and some of them are exceeding their permitted discharge limits. If the County installs new systems the discharges will have significantly reduced nutrient loads into the rivers. A fee may be charged to residents of the mobile home parks, but this will be determined later in the process.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the Biosolids Facility (**S810200**). DPW will build a demonstration facility in Broadneck that will be sized to handle biosolids from the Broadneck WRF only. This facility will have significantly reduced trucking of material because of its scale. DPW does not have a location for a large, centralized facility. They are aware of the need to distance such a facility from existing neighborhoods.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the Mayo tank replacements (**S810700**). Most recent cost estimates are that each tank will cost \$19K to replace. There are two consultants on the project, one will analyze and prioritize the order of replacements and the other designs the replacement tanks. DPW will also work with a community stakeholder group prior to holding a public meeting. DPW hopes to start construction in the late winter of 2025 or early 2026. The tanks were installed in the 1980s and there are 3700 tanks on the Mayo Peninsula that need to be replaced due to aging infrastructure.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked if there will be flexibility in the tank replacement schedule (**S810700**) so that if a homeowner is remodeling they can have the tank replacement done at the same time. Mr. Murphy noted that this is a good idea and homeowners will not need to pay for the replacement. He also noted the delicate situation of going on to someone's property and the disturbances that may happen during replacement.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Water**

**W778600** - *Crofton Meadows II Water Treatment Plant (WTP)*: Requesting \$1.861M in FY26.



**W787800 - Fire Hydrant Rehab:** Previously approved for \$1.097M in FY26. Increased request to \$1.4M annually. There is a large backlog of items under this project.

**W799600 - Elevated Water Storage:** Requesting \$1.44M in FY26.

**W801600 - Transmission Main (TM)-MD-32 at Fort Meade:** Previously approved funding in the outyears. Requesting \$636K in FY26 and shifting funding in the outyears.

**W804300 - New Cut WTP:** Requesting \$2.498M in FY26 to replace / supplement the Dorsey WTP as it ages.

**W805000 - Water Facility Emergency Generators:** Requesting \$1.167M in FY26.

**W809100 - AMI Water Meter Program:** Requesting funding in the outyears. This project will provide the user with real-time usage rates.

**W809600 - Arnold WTP Upgrades:** Previously approved for \$4.773M in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$16.01M and eliminated funding in the outyears. This project will provide a new maintenance facility as well as infrastructure upgrades.

**X733700 - Water Main Replacement / Reconnection:** Previously approved for \$12.2M annually. Increased request to \$20M annually.

**X764300 - Water Project Planning:** Previously approved for \$2.809M in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$3.475M and decreased the outyears request to \$250K annually.

**X787000 - Water Storage Tank Painting:** Previously approved for \$2.579M in FY26. Increased request to \$3M annually.

**Y514200 - Routine Water Extensions:** Previously approved for \$1.089M in FY26. Increased FY26 request to \$3.525M.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked if the County buys water from Baltimore City. The County sells water to Baltimore City, but does not purchase Baltimore water. There is a connection if it is needed in an emergency.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the AMI replacement (**W809100**). The meters are replaced on a cycle. The AMI compatible meters have been installed since 2017, though some of the older equipment will need antennas. About 30% of all meters have been replaced with AMI compatible meters.

#### **Capital Projects Review: Office of Information Technology (OIT)**

**C519600 - Information Technology Enhancement:** Previously approved for \$13.95M in FY26.

Decreased FY26 request to \$13.12M to provide new software systems for Police and Fire and for PC replacement.

**C537500 - Cable TV PEG:** Previously approved for \$600K annually. This project is funded by a fee charged to the providers and enables telecommunication needs.

**C565400 - Fiber Network:** Previously approved for \$750K annually. This project will build new fiber to connect TV and cameras. This project is funded by cable fees charged to providers.

**F560700 - Public Safety Radio Systems Update:** Previously approved for \$400K annually. Decreased request to \$350K annually. This project will provide support in the County and other jurisdictions in an emergency.

**F586300 - Public Safety Technology Enhancement:** Approved for \$1.655M in FY26. Decreased FY26 request to \$1.305M to provide up-to-date technology.

**F001326 - Greenbury Point Tower Restoration:** New request of \$3M in FY26. The County bought this tower from the Navy 20 years ago and in the contract the County is required to maintain the towers or take them down.

**C001026 - AACPS E-Rate Network:** New request of \$5M in FY26. If the county wins this bid it is likely to be refunded by a Federal grant.

#### *PAB Question/Comments*

Mr. Kurtz asked about the County's integration with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation. The State does not allow a complete integration, the information is shared with the County once a month.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis commended OIT on embracing AI and the new Land Use Navigator program.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the Accela program. Many departments use Accela, including the Department of Health, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Inspections and Permits. If the County users have complications with the program there are training sessions. OIT does intend to bring all permitting departments into the Accela system.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis asked about the E-Rate network (**C001026**). The County is not guaranteed the Federal funding; however, even if the federal funding falls through the County can continue the program. The County has provided this service to AACPS for eight years.

Mr. Blevins asked about the tower replacement (**F001326**). The County only uses one tower, and the other two towers are not needed. The cost is to take down the unnecessary towers, which is slightly less expensive than maintaining them.

Mr. Kurtz commended OIT and the Police Department on the new real time information center (**F572800**).

Mr. Blevins asked about AWS software updates. OIT continuously updates information to the Cloud.

#### **Adjournment**

The PAB will meet in-person on Friday, February 28th for budget deliberations. This meeting will begin at 8:30 AM and will be a hybrid meeting with in-person and virtual attendance options.

Ms. Hartwig-Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Secretary, Planning Advisory Board



Gus Kurtz  
Chair, Planning Advisory Board

These minutes should not be considered as verbatim, but do encapsulate comments made by the PAB, its staff, and persons who offered comments.