

**FY26-31 Preliminary
Recommended CIP and
FY26 Bond Authorization**

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Preliminary Recommended FY26-31 Community Investment Plan (CIP)

What is the Preliminary Recommended CIP?

- A first look
- Fiscally feasible
- Consistent with Commissioner goals
- A continuation of existing plans
- A starting point for Commissioner discussion and decisions

What the Preliminary Recommended CIP is NOT

- The final CIP
- The end of analysis
- A commitment to project funding, timing or revenue mix

Three Big Ideas

- The CIP is largely dedicated to maintenance of existing infrastructure
- We must be very careful about adding projects that increase ongoing costs.
- If we want to decrease capital spending, there aren't a lot of options.

What's In the Preliminary
Recommended CIP?

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- Maintaining infrastructure
- Adding to infrastructure
 - Freedom ES Addition
 - Sykesville MS Addition
 - Kindergarten and Pre-K Additions
 - Monroe Avenue Extension

Maintaining Infrastructure

- Roads and bridges
- HVAC, roofs, paving
- Parks
- Technology
- Stormwater ponds
- Water and Sewer

Maintaining Infrastructure

- Schools
 - Modernizations/replacements
 - HVAC and Roof Replacements
 - Paving
 - Parking
 - Bus loops
 - Driveways
 - Technology Replacements/Upgrades

Maintaining Infrastructure

- Public Safety Dispatch Console Hardware Upgrade
- Public Safety Radio Tower Upgrade
- Piney Run Boathouse Replacement

Maintaining Effort

- Agricultural land preservation
- Water quality

New Projects FY26-31

- Niner Run over Middle Run Bridge
- Leister Park Pickleball Courts
- Piney Run Park Boathouse Replacement
- Public Safety Dispatch Console Hardware Upgrade
- Public Safety Radio Tower Equipment Upgrade

Changes from the Adopted CIP

- Notable scope and cost changes:
 - Public Schools
 - Cost increases:
 - Kindergarten and PreK Additions
 - Systemics
 - Scope:
 - Prekindergarten Additions
 - Sykesville MS Addition

Changes from the Adopted CIP

- Notable timing and cost changes:
 - Rec & Parks
 - Cost increases:
 - Piney Run Park Pavilion 3
 - Piney Run Park Paving
 - Timing:
 - Playground Equipment Replacement
 - General Government
 - Cost increases:
 - County Building Systemic Renovations

**What's Not In the Preliminary
Recommended CIP?**

Not In

- Schools
 - William Winchester Elementary Modernization
 - Liberty High School Modernization
 - Best Program Addition/Renovation – Robert Moton Elementary

Not In

- Roads
 - Arrington Road Realignment
 - Prothero Road Extension
- Rec and Parks
 - Krimgold Phase III

Not In

- General Government
 - Carroll Community College
 - Technology Center and Athletic Facility
 - Courts
 - Carroll County Parking
 - Courthouse Annex Building Renovation
 - Supervised Visitation Center Replacement

Not In

- General Government
 - CCWD ADA Restroom
 - CCWD Building Elevator
 - Emergency Communications Headquarters
 - Facilities Operations Center
 - Technology Services Office Renovation
 - Transit Building Addition

Not In

- General Government
 - Senior Centers:
 - Taneytown Senior Center Renovation
 - Westminster Senior Center Porch Enclosure
 - Public Library:
 - Eldersburg Library Modernization
 - North Carroll Library Expansion
 - Westminster Library Renovation

Not In

- General Government
 - Sheriff's Office:
 - Detention Center Replacement
 - Detention Center Basement Renovation
 - Detention Center Recreation Yard Roof
 - Detention Center Sally Port Roof

Capital Fund

In Millions	FY25	FY26	Change	FY25-30	FY26-31	Change
Total	\$113.9	\$96.7	(\$17.2)	\$631.4	\$612.5	(\$18.9)
Local	89.3	74.9	(14.4)	443.6	431.3	(12.3)
State/Fed/ Other	24.6	21.8	(2.8)	187.8	181.2	(6.6)

Enterprise Funds

EF Projects FY26-31

- Utilities
 - Freedom Water Treatment Plant Membrane Replacement
 - Snowdens Run Pump Station Wet Well
 - Shiloh Pump Station Expansion

EF Projects FY26-31

- Airport
 - Grounds Maintenance Equipment
- Fiber Network
 - Equipment Replacement
- Septage
 - Septage Facility Improvements

Changes from the Adopted CIP

- Notable scope and cost changes:
 - Septage
 - Cost increases:
 - Septage Facility Upgrades
 - Utilities
 - Cost and scope increases:
 - Shiloh Pump Station Expansion

Enterprise Funds

In Millions	FY25	FY26	Change	FY25-30	FY26-31	Change
Total	\$8.5	\$3.1	(\$5.4)	\$29.5	\$28.4	(\$1.0)

Things to Think About

Other Projects

- PFAs Remediation
- Slacks Road improvements associated with State Veterans Facility
- Additional funding for Northern Landfill development

Things To Think About

- BOE
 - State Funding
 - Modernizations
 - Blueprint Impacts and Implications

Things To Think About

- State Funding
- Infrastructure
- Detention Center replacement
- Space needs:
 - Health Department
 - Others
- Cost increases and supply chain issues

Bond Authorization

Developing the Bond Authorization Request

- The Capital Budget drives the bond authorization request.
- Difficult timing:
 - Interdependence of the Capital Budget and the authorization request
 - General Assembly schedule
 - Our budget schedule

Definitions

- Appropriated – revenues and expenditures adopted in a budget
- Authorized – potential bonding that has been approved by the General Assembly
- Issued – actual bond sales
- Planned – revenues and expenditures included in the CIP, but not yet appropriated

The FY26 Authorization Request

- The Preliminary Recommended CIP has \$36.9 million of new bond authorization.
- Other considerations:
 - Changes during the budget process
 - Changes in estimated project costs
 - Bonds for fire companies

The FY26 Authorization Request

- FY26 Preliminary Recommended new bond appropriation is \$36.9M
- Recommendation – \$36.9M
- Bond authorization is enabling.
- Bond authorization does not obligate the County to spend money or issue bonds.

The Rest of the Process

- March – Overview and Recommended Budget
- March – Commissioner/Agency Hearings
- April – End of General Assembly Session
- April – Proposed Budget
- May – Public Hearing on the Budget
- May – Budget Adoption