

Overview of Public Works CIP

The Public Works CIP includes two separate sections: Roads and Bridges. In most years only the Board of Education CIP exceeds the Public Works CIP in the amount of funding.

Noteworthy are a number of road construction projects. The Board of County Commissioners has made building or finishing connector roads a priority. These roads, including Georgetown Boulevard, Monroe Avenue and Obrecht Road, will provide alternate routes to reduce traffic on congested State routes and intersections by providing local traffic alternatives.

Approximately 27% of Roads funding is for the Overlay program, the on-going maintenance of our County roads. The six-year plan lists planned roads with the expected year of improvements. The Board of Commissioners added \$1.5 million of one-time funds in FY 05 to accelerate the repair of subdivision roads as well as to apply surface seal to various roads in good condition to prevent higher maintenance dollars in the future. A portion of these funds will be utilized in FY 05. The Board of Commissioners also approved one-time funding in FY 05 of \$700,000 to study our gravel roads and determine what roads could be paved, if they should be paved, and to complete some of the improvements.

Additional funding is included in FY 05-10 CIP for the construction of alternative roads in and around Westminster. A feasibility study was recently completed and provides a plan of alternatives for traffic heading north and south of Westminster, to reduce traffic on Route 140 and ultimately improve and connect existing roads. Several new road projects located in the Eldersburg area to relieve pressure on State Routes 26 and 32 and the intersection of Routes 26 and 32 are also included.

The FY 05-10 CIP continues a program of on-going bridge maintenance and replacement.

For additional information on these or other Public Works projects please refer to the individual project pages.