

Overview of Enterprise Funds CIP

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. Carroll County has five enterprise funds: Carroll County Regional Airport, Firearms Facility, Solid Waste, Septage, and Utilities (Water and Sewer). There are no new projects in Firearms.

Airport

The County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are developing a twenty-year plan for potential development of the Carroll County Regional Airport. Funding sources for airport projects include Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) and County Airport Enterprise Fund revenues. Significant projects being evaluated for the Airport include: a runway extension, corporate hangars, T-hangars, and upgrading the storage capacity for Jet A fuel. FAA will fund 95% on eligible projects, reducing the Airport's and the State's share to 2.5% each.

Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund includes the County's landfill and recycling programs. The Proposed CIP includes a new entrance to the Northern Landfill facility to enhance safety for all in-bound and out-bound vehicles, feasibility studies of potential properties for the use of new landfill capacity, and design costs for the replacement of the existing building that houses the transfer station and materials recovery operations.

Utilities

The Bureau of Utilities operates the Freedom Sewer, Freedom Water, the Hampstead Sewer and several other small water and sewer systems. Projects can generally be divided into those intended to improve the existing system, for example looping projects to improve flows and equalize pressure, and those intended to provide for increases in demand. Area Connection Charges and Maintenance Fees primarily fund these projects. Included in the FY 09-14 CIP is \$7.2 million for the Gaither Road Water Main & Sewer Line, \$4.7 million for the upgrade and repair to Sykesville Sewer Main including a new pumping station, \$1.3 million for Freedom District-Relief Sewer #2, and \$828K for Hampstead Waste Activated Sludge Tank Renovation.

Septage

The Septage Treatment Facility is located at the City of Westminster Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility is operated by the City of Westminster and the County pays for capital improvements to the septage facility. Included in the FY 09-14 CIP is \$192,500 for a grit removal system.

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