

A Quick Guide to the FY 11-16 Community Investment Plan Department of Management and Budget

Introduction

The combined Proposed Operating and Capital Budget books are more than six hundred pages long and contain a great deal of information. This Quick Guide is intended to serve as a summary of important information and changes as well as a tool for understanding and locating information in the budget books.

The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held in the Scott Center of Carroll Community College at 7:30 PM on May 5, 2010. Staff from Management and Budget will meet with the Commissioners May 11 to develop the Commissioners' Adopted Budget. Budget adoption is scheduled in Room 311 of the County Office Building on May 24, 2010. The Recommended Budget and the Proposed Budget will be available on-line at <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/budget>.

Revenues

- \$18.5M of the \$53.5M FY 11 Capital Fund, or 35%, is funded with reallocated revenues. This funding source is available due to the Commissioners' decision to eliminate existing capital projects, such as the Minimum Security Facility and the Georgetown Boulevard Extension.
- In prior years 3% of Real Property Tax revenue was being appropriated directly to the CIP for Agricultural Preservation. This appropriation is decreasing in FY 11 as more remains in the Operating Budget to pay for Debt Service on Installment Purchase Agreements. This modification is being made to maximize available funds and is not due to a change in commitment to the program.
- 9.09% of Local Income Tax is appropriated directly to the CIP for school construction.
- The Capital Fund revenues are budgeted at \$53.5M in FY 11. This is down significantly from the FY 10 \$93.1M and FY 09 \$135.3M budgets. This decrease is not unexpected. It is in part about accomplishing projects in prior years when revenue growth was stronger and also about making decisions in response to the current economic environment to not budget certain projects.
- The largest source of revenues is from Reallocated Bonds (\$14.8M). This funding source is available because decisions have been made to cancel certain planned projects that are no longer as high of a priority.
- Impact Fee collections, which are used to fund school and park construction projects, are at their lowest level in years due to the troubled housing market.

- The entire \$500,000 State allocation of Highway User Revenue for FY 11 is being directly appropriated to the CIP for road maintenance.

Public Schools

- Full-Day Kindergarten Additions – Funding of \$6.7M is planned for additions at elementary schools that were not previously expanded for full-day kindergarten. The State mandated full-day kindergarten for all students by FY 08; however, only thirteen schools have been expanded to accommodate this effective doubling of the kindergarten population. Additions are planned at elementary schools in FY 13 and FY 15. This CIP also includes a separate project for Robert Moton Elementary School, which has received State planning approval. Future additions for the remaining schools will be in this project until State planning approval is granted.
- Mt. Airy Middle School – Funding of \$29.8M is planned for the construction of a new 110,000 square foot middle school and the demolition of the existing Mt. Airy Middle School. This new school will provide both a modern facility and additional capacity in the southern area of the County.
- Robert Moton Elementary Kindergarten Addition – Funding of \$3.7M is provided for the construction of two kindergarten classrooms, one pre-kindergarten classroom, a prep classroom, an early intervention kindergarten classroom, a staff workroom, and a community use room to accommodate the Judy Center Program. It also includes funding for the construction of a canopy from the front door to the student drop off area. State participation on this project is planned at \$1.8M.
- Technology Improvements – There is one-time funding of \$0.8M in FY 11 for technology replacement and upgrades to core infrastructure. On-going funding for technology has been eliminated from the six year plan.

Conservation and Open Space

- Agricultural Land Preservation – Funding of \$45.2M is planned in FY 11–16 for Agricultural Land Preservation Program, which includes funding for easements and debt service to landowners participating in Installment Purchase Agreements.
- Patapsco Road Watershed Project – Funding of \$1.0M is planned in FY 11–12 to address flooding and run-off issues in the watershed of the West Branch of the Patapsco River.
- Rural Legacy – Funding of \$1.5M for the Upper Patapsco and Little Pipe Creek rural legacy areas was awarded by the State in FY 10.
- Storm Water Facility Reconstruction – Funding of \$3.6M is planned in FY 11–16 for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing county-owned storm water management facilities.
- Water Development – Funding of \$33.0M is planned in the FY 11–16 CIP of funding for water source development and infrastructure. Water source development may include new groundwater wells, surface water intake and storage facilities, and the development of reservoirs beyond the six-year CIP.

- Watershed Assessment & Improvements (NPDES) – Funding of \$19.0M is planned in the FY 11–16 CIP to map and assess the condition of the storm sewer systems, implement watershed improvement projects, and mitigate at least 20% of impervious surface areas within Carroll County.

Public Works

- Ridge Road Improvements – Funding of \$2.8M is provided in FY 11 for improvements to the intersections of Kali Dr/Ridge Rd and MD26/Ridge Rd in the Eldersburg area to relieve traffic congestion and improve levels of service.
- Bixlers Church Rd over Big Pipe Creek – Funding of \$0.8M is planned in FY 11–13 for bridge replacement. The project qualifies for Federal aid funding which will cover eighty percent of the engineering, inspection, and construction costs.
- Shepherds Mill over Little Pipe Creek – Funding of \$4.0M is planned in FY 11–12 for bridge replacement. The project qualifies for Federal aid funding which will cover eighty percent of the engineering, inspection, and construction costs.

Culture and Recreation

- Bennett Cerf Park Revitalization – Funding of \$0.2M is provided in FY 11 for improvements to the existing park. Improvements will include new pavilions, picnic tables, benches, and improvements to the two existing bridges.
- Farm Museum Electrical Upgrade – Funding of \$0.1M is provided in FY 11 to repair and upgrade the existing electrical system at the Farmhouse.

General Government

- Carroll County 800MHz Radio System – Funding of \$26.5M is planned in FY 11–13. Included in this project is funding to extend the life of the existing analog radio system until a transition to digital can be accomplished. This conversion to a digital system is planned to begin in FY 13.
- Carroll Community College Technology Improvements – There is one-time funding of \$1.1M in FY 11 to provide for infrastructure and replacement of laboratory computers and classroom technology. On-going funding for technology has been eliminated from the six year plan.
- Carroll County Public Library Technology Replacement – There is one-time funding of \$0.7M in FY 11 to provide for infrastructure and systematic replacement of computer equipment. On-going funding for technology has been eliminated from the six year plan.
- County Phone System Replacement – Funding of \$0.9M is planned in FY 12 to replace the county government phone system, originally installed in 1998, with a new Voice over Internet Protocol system (VOIP). Emerging technologies and the County's changing needs will be evaluated before the selection of the new system.
- Fleet Tire Changing Station – Funding of \$0.3M is provided in FY 11 to renovate existing space and to purchase necessary equipment to perform truck tire changes and balancing in-house. The estimated payback based on outside vendor savings is approximately twelve years.

- Humane Society – Infrastructure Upgrade and Storage Area - Funding of \$0.4M is provided in FY 11 to upgrade existing infrastructure and provide a storage area at the Humane Society facility.
- Voting Machines – New Optical Scan - Funding of \$0.4M is planned in FY 11–14 for the State mandated new voting system. The Governor’s budget for FY 11 does not include funding for the anticipated purchase of new voting machines but it does not completely eliminate the possibility of moving forward with the new system.

Utilities Enterprise Fund

- Freedom District-Relief Sewer No. 6 – Funding of \$1.0M is provided in FY 11 to add a relief sewer from Johnsville Road to ultimately connect to an existing 12-inch sewer main along MD 32.
- Freedom District-Relief Sewer #10 (Sykesville Interceptor) – Funding of \$0.4M is planned in FY 12–14 for the upgrade and repair of the 12-inch sewer main that runs parallel to the railroad tracks and the South Branch Patapsco River.
- Freedom Wastewater Treatment Plant ENR – Funding of \$10.8M is planned in FY 11–14 to upgrade the FWWTP to meet Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) effluent limits as required by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Maryland Environmental Services (MES) operates, maintains, and currently holds the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) issued by the MDE.
- North Pump Station Wet Well & Pump Rehabilitation – Funding of \$1.1M is planned in FY 13–14 for renovations and upgrades to the North Pumping Station.
- North Station-Replace Force and Gravity Sewer Mains – Funding of \$0.7M is provided, for a total project cost of \$1.0M to replace the force main (built in 1969) and construct a new gravity main to meet existing demand and allow for future development near the North Station facility located near the intersection of Maryland Routes 30 and 482.