

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG**

**WORK SESSION AGENDA - DRAFT**

**July 10, 2023 @ 5:30PM**

**Public Access Virtual via live stream on the Town's Facebook and YouTube pages**

<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>	1 min
<b>II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	1 min
<b>III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	3 min
a. June 12, 2023 Work Session Minutes	
<b>IV. APPEARANCES</b>	
a. Legislative Update: Tony Perez, LA Perez Consulting	15 min
<b>V. OLD BUSINESS</b>	
a. 57 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Work Proposals	25 min
b. Flood Barrier Project Update	5 min
c. Bladensburg High School Field Construction Update	5 min
<b>VI. NEW BUSINESS</b>	
a. Housing and Urban Development Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County	10 min
b. Proposal from CTC related to cell tower reviews	10 min
<b>VII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	1 min



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**July 10, 2023 7:00pm**

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| <b>I.</b>    | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  | 1 min  |
| <b>II.</b>   | <b>OPENING PRAYER</b>   | 2 min  |
| <b>III.</b>  | <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>   | 1 min  |
| <b>IV.</b>   | <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>   | 1 min  |
| <b>V.</b>    | <b>APPEARANCES</b>  |        |
|              | A. Swearing In: Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Town Administrator   | 5 min  |
| <b>VI.</b>   | <b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  | 3 min  |
|              | A. May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes  |        |
|              | B. June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes  |        |
| <b>VII.</b>  | <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>  |        |
|              | Written comments can be submitted prior to meeting to be read into the record.<br>Comments can be submitted to <a href="mailto:Clerk@BladensburgMD.gov">Clerk@BladensburgMD.gov</a> | 5 min  |
| <b>VIII.</b> | <b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>  |        |
|              | A. 57 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Work Proposals  | 10 min |
| <b>IX.</b>   | <b>FINANCIAL BUSINESS</b>   |        |
| <b>X.</b>    | <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>   |        |
|              | A. Housing and Urban Development Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County  | 5 min  |
|              | B. CTC proposal related to cell tower reviews   | 5 min  |
|              | C. Maryland Municipal League Conference Recap   | 20 min |
|              | D. August Recess  | 5 min  |

**XI. STAFF REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Treasurer; Public Safety & Code Enforcement; Town Clerk; Public Works;  
Town Administrator 15 min

**XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Council Member McBryde – Ward 2 15 min  
Council Member Blount – Ward 2  
Council Member Route – Ward 1  
Council Member Brown – Ward 1  
Mayor James

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

1 min



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## 445TH MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 END OF SESSION REPORT  
THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

*Prepared by LA Perez Consulting, June 2023*

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## LEGISLATIVE RECAP & OVERVIEW

### Legislative Recap & Overview

The 445th Session of the Maryland General Assembly convened on January 11th and concluded on April 10th. It is the first legislative session with Governor Wes Moore and Lt. Governor Aruna Miller. Since being elected, the Governor and Lt. Governor have nominated their cabinet secretaries and dozens of others to commission and board seats. This was the first session for many, including Governor Wes Moore (D), Attorney General Anthony Brown (D), and Comptroller Brooke Lierman (D). Many new elected officials also began their first four-year term serving in the General Assembly, including several in Prince George's County: Delegate Adrian Boafo (D, District 23, Delegate Kym Taylor (D), District 23, Delegate Tiffany Alston (D), District 24, Delegate Jamila Woods (D), District 26, Delegate Kevin Harris (D) and Delegate Jeffrie Long (D) both of District 27, Delegate Deni Taveras (D), District 47, and Delegate Kent Roberson (D) District 25 who was appointed to replace Delegate Darryl Barnes after he announced his retirement mid-March of 2023.

Then, like in all new administrations, but especially eight years since a democratic governor, many members of the General Assembly were rumored to be interested in joining the Administration. Those who transitioned include Senator Paul Pinksy (D) who was appointed to the MD Energy Administration. His Senate seat was later filled by Delegate Alonzo Washington (D). These changes lead to many Committee changes including Senator Melanie Griffith (D) of District 25 being asked to chair the Senate Finance Committee. These changes are anticipated to be the first of many, especially with United States Congressman Hoyer announcing he would not seek re-election. Many have already announced their candidacy, including Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. LA PEREZ will continue to update the Town on these developments and the impact it may have on the Town and its priorities.

This year, there were 2,275 bills and 780 bond initiatives introduced. A lot of focus was put on the new Governor and the several priorities he would spearhead, including accelerating the minimum wage increase to \$15 by January 1, 2024, developing a service year option, and providing healthcare benefits to veterans, among others.

## LEGISLATIVE RECAP & OVERVIEW

High priorities among the Maryland General Assembly included passing legislation that would outline the licensing and regulatory framework for the adult-use cannabis market, which was a priority for voters during the November election. Equally as important to legislators was passing legislation for victims of child sexual abuse.

As the session progressed through its 90 days, the LA PEREZ team met weekly and discussed almost daily the impact and status of specific legislation that may impact the Town and monitored both state and local impact during this time on a daily basis.

All tracked legislation can be reviewed in "Addendum A".



## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

### Fiscal 2024 Capital Budget

The General Assembly passed a fiscal 2024 capital program totaling \$6.970 billion, including \$2.730 billion for the transportation program through the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). Apart from the CTP, the program totals \$4.240 billion: \$1.219 billion is funded with general obligation (GO) bonds and another \$29.1 million is funded with attained bond premium proceeds authorized in House Bill 201 (Chapter 102), the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan (MCCBL) of 2023; \$2.514 billion is funded on a pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) basis in the operating budget; \$447 million for school construction projects is funded with revenue bonds through the Built to Learn program; and \$30 million for University System of Maryland facilities is funded with Fiscal 2024 Capital Budget Academic Revenue Bonds authorized in House Bill 735 (Chapter 160). The budget also includes \$231 million for fiscal 2023 PAYGO deficiency appropriations, including \$219 million of general funds appropriated to replace funding for projects in fiscal 2023 that were originally funded with bond premium proceeds that were not attained.

State aid to local governments will total \$10.3 billion in fiscal 2024, representing a \$888.5 million, or 9.4%, increase over fiscal 2023. Direct aid will increase by \$842.7 million, and State funding for retirement payments will increase by \$45.8 million. As in prior years, local school systems will receive the largest total increase in State funding, though not in terms of percentage change. Exhibit 4.1 compares State aid by governmental entity in fiscal 2023 and 2024.

#### Exhibit 4.1

#### State Aid to Local Governments

##### Fiscal 2023 and 2024

(\$ in Millions)

	2023	2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
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Public Schools	\$7,230.6	\$7,891.6	\$661.0	9.1%
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Libraries	68.7	70.1	1.5	2.1%
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## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

**Community Colleges** 390.4 430.3 39.9 10.2%

**Local Health** 101.3 115.8 14.5 14.3%

**County/Municipal** 854.4 980.3 125.9 14.7%

**Subtotal – Direct Aid** \$8,645.3 \$9,488.0 \$842.7 9.7%

**Retirement Payments** \$790.4 \$836.2 \$45.8 5.8%

**Total** \$9,435.7 \$10,324.2 \$888.5 9.4%

### Major Legislative and Budgetary Actions

The General Assembly passed several measures during the 2023 session that altered State aid to local governments (Exhibit 4.2). County and municipal governments receive the majority of these enhancements. Additional funding is provided to assist Baltimore Town and Kent County in covering the local appropriation for the local school system (local education effort grant). Both jurisdictions are experiencing sizeable, mandated increases in their local funding requirements under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Blueprint). Other major enhancements include \$4.5 million for the Maryland Meals for Achievement program, \$3.0 million to enhance teacher salaries at nonpublic schools serving special education students, and \$2.0 million to cover salary costs for program coordinators responsible for the implementation of the Blueprint.

## STATE LEGISLATIVE RECAP & OVERVIEW

Of the 2,275 legislative bills introduced during the 2023 General Assembly, over 131 House and Senate Bills were monitored within the above topic areas and were discussed on team calls in an in-depth discussion and review process.

### **Legislation Affecting Local Government Expenditures**

\*Yes/No at end of entry indicates mandate

#### **HB 910 Energy Storage – Targets and Maryland Energy Storage Program – Establishment (Ch. 570)**

Potential significant electric utility costs beginning as early as FY 2025. No

#### **HB 923 Higher Education – Appointment of Secretary and Student Financial Assistance – Accommodations at Public Institutions for Religious Beliefs (Ch. 634)**

Scholarship administration costs for locally funded community colleges. Yes

#### **HB 969 Public Service Commission – Cybersecurity Staffing and Assessments (Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Act of 2023) (Ch. 499)**

Potential significant cybersecurity assessment and compliance costs for municipal electric utilities.

Yes

#### **HB 982 State Employees – Programs and Scholarships for Human Services Careers and Probation Agents and State Contributions to Supplemental Retirement Plans (Ch. 100)**

## STATE LEGISLATIVE RECAP & OVERVIEW

Potential program implementation costs for Baltimore Town, Baltimore County, and Prince George's County school systems.

No

**HB 988/SB 828** See entry for SB 828. No

**HB 1071 Criminal Law and Procedure – Cannabis – Fines for Smoking in Public, Stops, and Searches (Ch. 802)**

Minimal decrease in incarceration costs. No

**HB 1148/SB 582** See entry for SB 582. No

**HB 1151/SB 678** See entry for SB 678. No

**HB 1188 Public Utilities – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Meter Aggregation (Ch. 460)**

Potential significant review and regulatory costs. No

**HB 1200 Elections – Election Judges – Minimum Compensation (Ch. 157)**

Election-related costs increase by \$3.2 million to \$3.8 million annually (statewide).

Yes

**HB 1237 Special Education – Judicial Actions – Attorney's Fees and Related Costs (Ch. 708)**

Potential legal costs for local school systems.

## STATE LEGISLATIVE RECAP & OVERVIEW

### Legislation that passed directly affecting Prince George's County

\*Yes/No at end of entry indicates mandate

**HB 433/SB 191** See entry for SB 191. Yes

**HB 435 Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) PG 304-23 (Ch. 606)**

Implementation costs beginning as early as FY 2023 (covered by fine revenues).

No

**HB 437 Prince George's County Public Schools – Alterations to Title of Chief Executive Officer and Establishment of Office of Integrity and Compliance PG 501-23 (Ch. 792)**

Personnel costs increase by at least \$741,000 annually. Yes

**HB 825/SB 506** See entry for SB 506. No

**HB 1079 Prince George's County – Board of Education and School System Revisions PG 502-23 (Ch. 793)**

Board member compensation costs increase by \$48,400 in FY 2027 and by \$83,000 annually thereafter. Potential legal costs beginning in FY 2024.

Yes

**HB 1109 Prince George's County – Economic Development – Business Improvement Districts PG 407-23 (Ch. 608)**

Potential costs associated with the formation of business improvement districts.

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## ADDENDUM A

Tracked Legislation for the Town of Bladensburg **MDGA 2023**

**HB 0009** | Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses | Sheila Ruth | | Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost-benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc. | | Passed

**HB 0012** | Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act | Jazz Lewis | | Repealing the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to designate transit-oriented development; establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit-oriented developments; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to ensure a Fund balance of at least \$5,000,000; etc. | | Passed

**HB 0051** | Department of Transportation - Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Bonds and Grant Anticipation Notes (State and Federal Transportation Funding Act) | Marc Korman | | Repealing a requirement that the Capital Debt Affordability Committee include certain debt that is secured by future federal aid within its review of State tax supported debt; altering the calculation of the maximum amount of debt secured by future federal aid that the Department of Transportation may issue; providing that the maximum amount of debt that may be issued is calculated as of June 30; altering the maximum term of certain bonds that are secured by a pledge of future federal aid; etc. | | Engrossed

**HB 0055** | Local Government - Condominium and Homeowners Associations - Repair and Rehabilitation Funds | Marvin Holmes | | Authorizing a county or a municipality to establish a certain fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or a homeowners association; and requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under the Act. | | Introduced

**HB 0060** | Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund - Establishment (Housing Innovation Pilot Program Act of 2023) | Vaughn Stewart | | Establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for certain mixed-income, cross-subsidized housing and to create opportunities to increase the volume of housing production; establishing the Housing Innovation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to be used only to provide low- or no-interest loans to local housing authorities; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 0070** | Safe Access for All (SAFE) Roads Act of 2023 | Lorig Charkoudian | | Requiring the Department of Transportation to implement all possible incremental near-term safety improvements as soon as practicable if a new approved pedestrian or bicycle safety construction or improvement project is projected to take more than 12 months to complete. | | Passed

**HB 0090** | Local Government - Regulatory Powers - Regulation of Invasive Bamboo | Linda Foley | | Authorizing the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances to regulate invasive bamboo, including by prohibiting a person from selling, planting, and allowing invasive bamboo to grow on the property of the person without proper upkeep and appropriate containment measures. | | Passed

**HB 0094** | Vehicle Laws - Reduction of Speed Limits by Local Authorities | Mary Lehman | | Authorizing local authorities statewide to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour after performing a certain investigation; and establishing certain restrictions on the use of speed monitoring systems along highways for which the speed limit has been decreased. | | Introduced

**HB 0104** | Municipalities - Charter Amendments - Notice | Jared Solomon | | Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public. | | Passed

**HB 0106** | State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System | Nicole Williams | | Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries. | | Introduced

**HB 0109** | Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland | Sara Love | | Establishing



the Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland to review the Maryland Recycling Act, study the recycling and waste systems in Maryland, and make recommendations on updating the Maryland Recycling Act and implementing regional recycling and waste disposal facilities; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by June 30, 2024. | | Engrossed

**HB 0139** | Speed Monitoring Systems - Municipal Corporations - Statements and Certificates of Violation | Ken Kerr | | Providing that the statement alleging a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system that must be included in a citation may be signed by an employee of an agency established or designated by a municipal corporation to administer a speed monitoring system; providing that a certain certificate alleging a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system may be sworn to or affirmed by an employee of an agency established or designated by a municipal corporation to administer speed monitoring systems; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 0182** | Real Property - Unlawfully Restrictive Covenants - Modification by Counties or Municipalities | Kirill Reznik | | Authorizing a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant for a property within the boundaries of the county or municipality after providing persons with an ownership interest in the property with 30 days' written notice; and providing that persons with an ownership interest in property that is subject to an unlawfully restrictive covenant may decline action by a county or municipality to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification. | | Passed

**HB 0190** | Housing and Community Development - Homeowner's Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program | Julian Ivey | | Establishing the Homeowner's Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist homeowners, local governments, and nonprofit organizations in preparing and repairing residential properties to mitigate water damage caused by extreme weather; limiting a grant awarded to a homeowner to \$5,000 or less; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the program beginning in fiscal year 2025. | | Introduced

**HB 0200** | Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024) | | Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc. | | Passed

**HB 0211** | Rental Housing Fund, Calculation of Taxable Income, and Transfer Tax - Alterations (Affordable Housing Investment Act) | Julie Palakovich Carr | | Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill \$20,000,000 for the Rental Housing Fund; requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland taxable income; altering the rate of the transfer tax on certain residential real property; and requiring taxpayers who itemize deductions on a State income tax return to reduce the amount of the deductions by the amount of certain qualified residence interest paid or accrued during the taxable year. | | Introduced

**HB 0239** | Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Task Force | Jeffrie Long | | Establishing the Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Task Force to survey and document a representative sampling of the variety of ordinances, laws, codes, and policies regarding the development and operation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned for single-family residential use; and requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly on its activities on or before November 1, 2023, and its findings and recommendations on or before June 1, 2024. | | Passed

**HB 0308** | Police Retention Workgroup | Chris Tomlinson | | Establishing the Police Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 30, 2024. | | Introduced

**HB 0432** | Prince George's County - Chief Executive Officer of the Public School System - Alterations to Title and Search Committee Requirements PG 503-23 | | Changing the title of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system to the County Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system; and altering the composition of, the qualifications for, and the method for selecting the search committee for the County Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system. | | Engrossed

**HB 0436** | Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licensing PG 305-23 | | Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County, notwithstanding a certain prohibition on the transfer of a license with an off-sale privilege, to approve the transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to a premises located in a certain alcoholic beverages district under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue a Class B-DD beer, wine, and liquor license with an off-sale privilege to certain restaurants in certain areas; etc. | | Passed

**HB 0437** | Prince George's County Public Schools - Alterations to Title of Chief Executive Officer and Establishment of Office of Integrity and Compliance PG 501-23 | | Changing the title of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system to the County Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system; establishing the Office of Integrity and Compliance in the Prince George's County public school system to

evaluate, examine, investigate, report on, and make recommendations on certain issues related to the Prince George's County public school system; requiring the County Council of Prince George's County to appoint an Integrity and Compliance officer; etc. || Passed

[HB 0444](#) | Prince George's County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Low-Income Housing PG 403-23 || | Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with an owner of real property that is used for low-income housing that is financed through the county's Right of First Refusal program or acquired, constructed, or rehabilitated for the purposes of operating the low-income housing. || Passed

[HB 0459](#) | Public Utilities - Street Lighting Equipment - Acquisitions and Reporting (County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act) | Aaron Kaufman || Finding that local governments pay electric companies large sums to light streets and are limited in how this public safety resource can be managed, the Act authorizes certain counties or municipalities to acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, convert its street lighting service to a customer-owned street lighting tariff, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and contract with an electric company for the maintenance of the street lighting equipment; etc. || Engrossed

[HB 0508](#) | Property Tax Credit - Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Definition and Eligibility | Dana Jones || Requiring a county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a law enforcement officer or rescue worker; altering eligibility for the tax credit to include certain disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who were domiciled in the State as, or any time within the 5 years before the officer or worker died or was determined to be disabled; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023. || Passed

[HB 0518](#) | Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees - Municipal Corporations | Lesley Lopez || Authorizing a municipal corporation in the State to have a police accountability board to receive complaints of police misconduct from the public; requiring the board to submit an annual report to the governing body of the municipal corporation identifying trends in the disciplinary process of police officers and recommending changes to improve police accountability; and authorizing a municipal corporation to establish an administrative charging committee to serve law enforcement agencies in the municipal corporation. || Introduced

[HB 0552](#) | Economic Development - Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program and Fund (Innovation Economy Infrastructure Act of 2023) | Jackie Addison || Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program by July 1, 2026. || Passed

[HB 0564](#) | Municipalities - Vagrancy - Repeal of Authority to Prohibit | David Moon || Repealing the authority of a municipality to prohibit vagrancy. || Introduced

[HB 0582](#) | Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges | Jon Cardin || Requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day from the date of the incident that led to the investigation. || Introduced

[HB 0619](#) | General Assembly - Legislation - Housing Impact Analysis | Stuart Schmidt || Requiring certain Executive Branch agencies to prepare a housing impact analysis rating and a housing impact analysis concerning the effect of certain proposed legislation on the cost and availability of housing under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor's office to submit a copy of the housing impact analysis rating and the housing impact analysis to the Department of Legislative Services and a certain committee within a reasonable time prior to the hearing on the bill; etc. || Introduced

[HB 0688](#) | Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request | Steve Johnson || Requiring the county commissioners or county council to approve a certain referendum request if a valid petition to incorporate an area as a municipality is presented by not less than 40% of the registered voters who are residents of the area proposed to be incorporated. || Introduced

[HB 0706](#) | Community Development - Sustainable Communities - Business Facade Improvement Program | Adrienne Jones || Establishing the Business Facade Improvement Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist qualified businesses located in sustainable communities with improving the outside appearance of the qualified businesses' buildings or facilities; requiring the Department to develop an application process for political subdivisions seeking to participate in the Program; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program. || Passed

[HB 0818](#) | Prince George's County – Maryland–Washington Regional District – Standing to Request Review of Zoning

and Land Use Decisions MC/PG 107–23 | | Altering the list of persons that may request judicial review of a final decision of the Prince George's County District Council: altering the list of persons that may request the district council to review a decision of a zoning hearing examiner or the planning board of Prince George's County; and altering the circumstances under which a certain person may request the district council to review a decision of a zoning hearing examiner or the planning board of Prince George's County. | | Introduced

**HB 0826** | Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program – Establishment | Jheanelle Wilkins | | Establishing a Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide vouchers and housing assistance payments for low-income families that are on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program; requiring the Department and public housing agencies to administer the State Program; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027, to include in the annual budget bill \$10,000,000 for the State Program; etc. | | Engrossed

**HB 0827** | Prince George's Gateway Development Authority - Established | Julian Ivey | | Establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2025. | | Passed

**HB 0830** | Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging | Jen Terrasa | | Establishing and altering certain requirements related to the installation of equipment for the charging of electric vehicles during the construction of certain housing units; clarifying that a county or municipal corporation may require a greater number of electric vehicle parking spaces; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to study certain issues related to the installation of electric vehicle parking spaces at multifamily residential buildings and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023; etc. | | Passed

**HB 0834** | Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure - Requirements (Electric Vehicle Charging Reliability Act) | David Fraser-hidalgo | | Requiring the Public Service Commission to expand the EV Pilot Program to allow participating electric companies to install EV charging stations in multifamily dwellings in underserved communities; requiring the Commission to terminate the expansion of the EV Pilot Program on December 31, 2025; requiring an electric company operating an EV charging network to ensure the EV charging stations in the EV charging network maintain certain uptime standards, subject to certain exceptions; etc. | | Passed

**HB 0840** | Climate, Labor, and Environmental Equity Act of 2023 | Regina Boyce | | Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for certain communication with certain residents in a certain manner; and altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies. | | Introduced

**HB 0850** | Prince George's County – Commercial Property – Right of Purchase PG 405–23 | | Requiring the District Council of Prince George's County to notify and consider comments of the governing body of the municipality in which certain property is located before the sale of certain commercial property; and providing that a certain governing body has the preemptive right to the purchase of certain commercial property under certain circumstances. | | Introduced

**HB 0851** | Department of the Environment - Development of Outdoor Lighting Standards | Jheanelle Wilkins | | Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2024, to develop outdoor lighting standards that consider energy consumption, environmental, public health, and public safety impacts of outdoor lighting; and requiring the Department to consult with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the State Highway Administration in developing the standards. | | Introduced

**HB 0852** | Land Use - Expedited Development Review Processes for Affordable Housing - Application to Religious Organizations | Vaughn Stewart | | Requiring, on or after July 1, 2024, a county that uses an expedited development review process for proposed affordable housing developments to consider certain applications from bona fide religious organizations under the expedited development review process; and authorizing a county to opt out of the provisions of the Act by establishing an expedited development review process and by adopting a local law prohibiting the consideration of applications from religious organizations on or before June 30, 2024. | | Introduced

**HB 0872** | Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Service Near Regional Transit Districts and Neighborhood Centers in Prince George's County - Contracts MC/PG 111-23 | | Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into contracts with the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a water supply, sewer, or drainage system for certain property located within a certain distance of a certain mass transit rail station and a regional transit district or neighborhood center in Prince George's County; and requiring that a contract entered into under the Act include and address certain items. | | Passed



[HB 0873](#) | Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Prince George's County - Commissioner Qualifications MC/PG 108-23 | | Requiring certain qualifications for a certain number of commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from Prince George's County. | | Engrossed

[HB 0889](#) | Retail Service Stations - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Property Tax Credit for Service Station Conversions | Sheila Ruth | | Requiring, for the approval of a new retail service station on or after October 1, 2023, the person constructing the station to install at the station a certain number of electric charging stations; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property under certain circumstances; etc. | | Introduced

[HB 0892](#) | Environment - Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program - Funding for Underserved and Overburdened Communities | Julian Ivey | | Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefiting underserved or overburdened communities in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of up to \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter. | | Engrossed

[HB 0942](#) | Wetlands and Waterways Program - Authorizations for Stream Restoration Projects | Jen Terrasa | | Requiring the Department of the Environment to revise certain criteria, standards, and requirements for wetlands and waterways authorizations for certain stream restoration projects on or before October 1, 2024; and requiring the Department to provide public notice and hold a certain public information meeting before issuing a wetlands and waterways authorization for a stream restoration project under certain circumstances. | | Introduced

[HB 0966](#) | Motor Vehicles - Modified Exhaust Systems and Noise Abatement Devices - Testing and Penalties | Tiffany Alston | | Requiring a police officer to issue a safety equipment repair order if the police officer observes a motor vehicle being driven with an unlawful modified exhaust system or noise abatement device; altering the penalties for driving a motor vehicle on a highway with an exhaust system or noise abatement device that is modified in a certain manner; and requiring the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program to test the exhaust sound level of a motor vehicle at an emissions inspection. | | Introduced

[HB 1007](#) | Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Membership – Alterations MC/PG 110–23 | | Adding the general manager of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission as a member of the Commission; and requiring that one commissioner from Prince George's County and one commissioner from Montgomery County be a subject matter expert in the area of water conservation, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, environmental engineering, or chemical engineering. | | Introduced

[HB 1009](#) | Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Members MC/PG 109-23 | | Repealing the requirement that not more than three members of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from each county be members of the same political party; requiring the County Council of Montgomery County and the County Executive of Prince George's County to consider certain diversity needs when making appointments for membership on the Commission; establishing that the party composition of county commissioners from each county shall be based on the election results for the County Executive; etc. | | Introduced

[HB 1014](#) | Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Prohibition on Transfer of Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License PG 307-23 | | Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County from approving the transfer or sale of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; requiring the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to return the license to the Board if the license expires or the license holder no longer wishes to hold the license; and prohibiting the Board from reissuing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances. | | Introduced

[HB 1026](#) | Prince George's County - Land Use - Development of Neglected Property PG 406-23 | | Authorizing Prince George's County to exercise powers of eminent domain to acquire and develop or redevelop, for a public purpose, certain neglected property located in the county that has been designated as a transit-oriented development and is located within a business improvement district; and prohibiting land or property taken by the county through the use of eminent domain under the provisions of the Act to be taken without just compensation, as agreed on between the parties, or awarded by a jury. | | Passed

[HB 1027](#) | Vehicle Laws - Bus Lane Monitoring Systems - Statewide Expansion | Robbyn Lewis | | Making statewide the authority of a local jurisdiction to use, in accordance with certain standards and procedures, a bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane. | | Introduced

[HB 1064](#) | Home Amenity Rentals - Sales and Use Tax Imposed and Local Tax Authorized | Joe Vogel | | Applying the sales and use tax to a sale or use of certain home amenity rentals; and authorizing a county or municipality to impose a

certain home amenity rental tax under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations. | | Engrossed

**HB 1078** | Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit - Offset of Annual Tax Increases PG 412-23 | | | Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling that is owned by a homeowner who has an annual gross income of \$70,000 or less; and requiring the property tax credit to be of a sufficient amount to ensure that the total amount of real property taxes on the dwelling does not annually increase. | | Engrossed

**HB 1080** | Transportation Investment Program - County Referendum - Authorization | Nino Mangione | | Authorizing the General Assembly to authorize a county referendum on a transportation investment program; requiring a transportation investment program submitted to referendum to include a list of projects that each have a cost of at least \$20,000,000 and would be located in or serve a particular county; requiring that the transportation investment program be submitted to the qualified voters of the appropriate county for their adoption or rejection; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 1086** | Department of the Environment - Recycling Analysis and Report | Regina Boyce | | Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain analysis of county and municipal recycling programs in the State and make certain recommendations relating to increasing recycling rates and implementing a certain extended producer responsibility program; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2023. | | Introduced

**HB 1088** | Emissions Standards, Ambient Air Quality Standards, and Solid Waste Management - Local Authority | Tony Bridges | | Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of a political subdivision to adopt ordinances, rules, or regulations that set emission standards or ambient air quality standards under certain conditions; specifying that the requirement for the Department of the Environment to approve a county water and sewerage plan does not limit certain authority of the county; requiring the Department to publish certain information on its website by October 1, 2023; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 1097** | State and Private Construction Contracts - Prompt Payment Requirements | Kriselda Valderrama | | Requiring a private construction contract to include a provision requiring the owner to pay the contractor within a certain period of time or, if the owner withholds all or part of an amount invoiced, to send a certain notification to the contractor; requiring a contract between a contractor and a subcontractor on a private or State construction contract to include a provision requiring the contractor to pay the subcontractor within a certain period of time; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 1104** | Voting Rights Act of 2023 - Counties and Municipalities | Stephanie Smith | | Prohibiting local governments from impairing or diminishing the right of a protected class member to vote or influence election outcomes; establishing requirements on local governments regarding proposals for shifting methods of election and districting plans; requiring the Civil Rights Division of the Office of the Attorney General to approve or deny proposed local government remedies to address certain violations; establishing the Statewide Election Database and Information Office; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 1109** | Prince George's County - Economic Development - Business Improvement Districts PG 407-23 | | | Authorizing Prince George's County to create certain business improvement districts intended to promote the general welfare of the residents, employers, employees, property owners, tenants, consumers, and general public with the geographic area of the districts; requiring the county to adopt certain local laws to provide for the creation and organization of a district; removing Prince George's County from the scope of law governing the establishment of business improvement districts; etc. | | Passed

**HB 1125** | Transit - Grant Funding for Local Service - Alterations | Jared Solomon | | Establishing the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program in the Department of Transportation; and authorizing program funds to be sourced from federal and State public transportation programs. | | Passed

**HB 1126** | Local Law Enforcement - Recruitment and Hiring - Bonus Grants | Julian Ivey | | Requiring the Governor to appropriate \$3,500,000 for certain fiscal years for grant funding for certain local law enforcement agencies to improve police officer recruitment and hiring; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer certain funds; requiring certain local law enforcement agencies to use grant funding for certain purposes; and requiring certain local law enforcement agencies to submit certain information to the Office. | | Introduced

**HB 1130** | Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems - Authorization, Use, and Penalties | Julie Palakovich Carr | | Authorizing a local government to use noise abatement monitoring systems, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded in violation of certain motor vehicle noise requirements is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a noise abatement monitoring system; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 1134** | Maryland Building Performance Standards – Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards | Gabriel

Acevero | | Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before January 1, 2024, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels and an electric-ready standard for certain buildings. | | Introduced

**HB 1195** | Development Transparency Act of 2023 | Chao Wu | | Requiring a certain entity seeking any waiver or exemption from or authorization under any zoning regulation, zoning map amendment, conditional use permit, final development plan, or other land use authorization to publicly disclose the name of each individual who owns the entity, including any individual who owns an affiliated entity. | | Introduced

**HB 1201** | Public-Private Partnerships | Jared Solomon | | Establishing the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board to review public-private partnership presolicitation reports and make certain recommendations; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for public-private partnerships with a total value that exceeds \$500,000,000 presolicitation reports of certain contracts; requiring a reporting agency to submit a separate presolicitation report for each phase of a project that will develop in phases; etc. | | Introduced

**HB 1209** | Environment – Flood Control – Flood Risk Assessment and Model Ordinance (Climate Ready Floodplain Act of 2023) | Mary Lehman | | Requiring the Department of the Environment to publish a statewide flood risk assessment map projected to the year 2050, educate the public on certain information, and establish a certain model floodplain ordinance by July 1, 2024; requiring certain units of local government to submit to the Department for review a proposed floodplain ordinance by July 1, 2025; and requiring the Department to approve a proposed ordinance or provide notice of certain revisions to the ordinance on or before September 1, 2025. | | Introduced

**HJ 0001** | Environmental Human Rights | Regina Boyce | | Reaffirming the principle enshrined in the Maryland Environmental Policy Act that every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful environment; and requiring the State to rededicate itself, its agencies, and all concerned stakeholders to furthering the development, implementation, and enforcement of certain environmental laws, practices, and policies for the benefit of both current and future generations. | | Introduced

**SB 0011** | Motor Vehicles - Establishment of School Zones | Charles Sydnor | | Requiring a school zone to be adjacent to a school, unless recommended by a traffic engineering study; prohibiting a school zone from exceeding a 0.5 mile radius of any school or school activity, unless recommended by a traffic engineering study. | | Engrossed

**SB 0016** | Safe Access for All (SAFE) Roads Act of 2023 | Jeff Waldstreicher | | Requiring the Department of Transportation to recommend and implement certain design elements for pedestrian and bicycle safety when developing any construction or improvement project, or postconstruction project, preservation, or maintenance; and requiring the State Highway Administration to submit certain reports including pedestrian and bicycle safety data, analyses, and plans to the General Assembly by certain dates. | | Introduced

**SB 0018** | Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup | Chris West | | Establishing the Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to recruitment challenges and the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2024. | | Engrossed

**SB 0019** | Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses | Jill Carter | | Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals, benchmarks, and indicators; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses and cost-benefit analyses and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in a certain construction program; etc. | | Passed

**SB 0024** | Department of Transportation - Financing and Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (State and Federal Transportation Funding Act) | Cory McCray | | Repealing a requirement that the Capital Debt Affordability Committee include certain debt that is secured by future federal aid within its review of State tax supported debt; altering the calculation of the maximum amount of debt secured by future federal aid that the Department of Transportation may issue; providing that the maximum amount of debt that may be issued is calculated as of June 30; establishing the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs; etc. | | Passed

**SB 0050** | State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System | Paul Pinsky | | Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries. | | Introduced

**SB 0061** | Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer | Jack Bailey | | Repealing the definition of "public safety officer" for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling owned



by a public safety officer; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of the credit; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that authorizes the credit to establish, by law, the definition of "public safety officer" for purposes of eligibility for the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023. | | Passed

**SB 0062** | Land Use - Public Service Companies - Pollinator-Friendly Vegetation Management and Utility-Designated Pollinator Areas | Malcolm Augustine | | Prohibiting local jurisdictions from imposing certain limitations and land use restrictions on utility-designated pollinator areas maintained by a public service company under certain conditions; requiring certain public service companies to mow utility-designated pollinator areas in a certain manner in order to minimize disturbances to habitats; etc. | | Passed

**SB 0069** | Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Positive Community Feedback | Jack Bailey | | Adding positive community feedback to the list of records that are not considered personnel records for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a process for citizens to submit certain feedback; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback process; and requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record that is subject to public inspection. | | Engrossed

**SB 0077** | Housing and Community Development - Homeowner's Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program | Michael Jackson | | Establishing the Homeowner's Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist homeowners, local governments, and nonprofit organizations in preparing and repairing residential properties to mitigate water damage caused by extreme weather; limiting a grant awarded to a homeowner to \$5,000 or less; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the program. | | Introduced

**SB 0105** | Law Enforcement Officers - Compensation and Benefits - Study | Michael Jackson | | Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to study and report on the compensation and benefits of law enforcement officers in the State; requiring certain units of State government to provide assistance to the Office by providing information necessary to conduct the study; and requiring the Office to submit its report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023. | | Introduced

**SB 0114** | Property Tax - Real Property Tax Assessment and Tax Rate Increases - Notice Requirements | Antonio Hayes | | Requiring certain notices relating to increases in property assessments; altering certain notice requirements relating to the intention of a county or municipal corporation to set a certain real property tax rate that exceeds the constant yield tax rate and requiring instead certain notice when a county or municipal corporation intends to increase its real property tax rate. | | Passed

**SB 0116** | Property Tax - Municipal Corporation Business Personal Property Tax Rate and Local Government Reporting Requirements - Alterations | Joanne Benson | | Requiring 20% of certain State aid to be discontinued if a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not submit a certain audit report within 1 calendar year of a certain deadline for the report, subject to a certain condition: altering the municipal corporation tax rate applicable to business personal property and certain operating real property to be not more than a certain amount; and requiring the City of Seat Pleasant to hire a certain entity to perform a certain audit and submit the report by January 1, 2024. | | Engrossed

**SB 0126** | Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Police Officer Certification - Eligibility | Cheryl Kagan | | Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to remove a requirement that an individual who is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces. | | Introduced

**SB 0147** | Street Racing and Exhibition Driving - Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties | Pamela Beidle | | Altering certain penalties and the points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property used for driving by the public; authorizing the towing and impounding of a vehicle involved in violations related to participation in a race, speed contest, or exhibition driving; providing penalties of imprisonment up to 1 year or a fine up to \$1,000, or both in the event of bodily injury; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0152** | Bond Sales - Notification of the Public | Malcolm Augustine | | Authorizing the Board of Public Works and the State Treasurer to provide public notice of a public sale of State bonds by The Municipal Market Monitor (TM3) or a similar service or such other method deemed appropriate by the State Treasurer. | | Passed

**SB 0157** | Municipalities - Charter Amendments - Notice | Jeff Waldstreicher | | Modifying the manner in which the chief executive officer of a municipality may fulfill certain notice requirements concerning proposed municipal charter amendments; requiring the chief executive officer of a municipality to post an exact copy of the proposed amendment in a certain public place for at least 40 days immediately preceding the referendum at which the question is to be submitted; and requiring the municipality to maintain certain records or receipts and make the records or receipts available to the public. | | Passed

**SB 0163** | Real Property - Recordation and Land Records - Requirements | Ron Watson | | Limiting the requirement that an instrument effecting a change in ownership of real property be endorsed by the assessment office for a county to only those transfers subject to an agricultural land transfer tax; altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; establishing that a deed of trust or mortgage presented for recordation is not required to be accompanied by an intake sheet or information that would otherwise be provided in an intake sheet unless required by a clerk; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0181** | Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024) | | Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0193** | Ground Leases - Collection of Rent, Interest, Fees, and Other Expenses - Registration Requirements | Charles Sydnor | | Establishing that ground leases or amendments that are not posted on the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's website are not considered registered or amended; prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting or attempting to collect rent, late fees, interest, collection costs, and other expenses related to a ground lease unless the ground lease is registered with the Department; etc. | | Passed

**SB 0229** | Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems - Authorization, Use, and Penalties | Pamela Beidle | | Authorizing a local government in certain counties to use noise abatement monitoring systems, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded in violation of certain motor vehicle noise requirements is subject to a warning notice; prohibiting a contractor that administers a noise abatement monitoring system from being compensated on a per-ticket basis on the number of warning notices issued; etc. | | Engrossed

**SB 0273** | National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund - Annual Appropriation and Authorized Uses | Craig Zucker | | Altering the amount of a certain appropriation the Governor is required to make for the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund; and repealing a provision of law requiring 100% of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund to be used for community enhancement projects in sustainable communities located, at least in part, within the boundary created by Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia beginning in fiscal year 2024. | | Passed

**SB 0285** | County Police Accountability Boards - Investigation of Complaints of Police Misconduct | Jill Carter | | Authorizing the local governing body of a county, including Baltimore City, to authorize its police accountability board to exercise investigatory and subpoena powers; and authorizing a police accountability board to conduct an investigation of police misconduct concurrently with a law enforcement agency investigating the complaint. | | Introduced

**SB 0330** | Public Safety - Law Enforcement - Body-Worn Cameras (Body-Worn Camera Appropriation and Financing Act of 2023) | Justin Ready | | Requiring the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, to negotiate certain contracts with third parties for the acquisition or maintenance of body-worn cameras, equipment, or technology for certain law enforcement agencies; requiring the Department of Information Technology, in coordination with the Department of General Services, to study the cost and feasibility of implementing a statewide uniform storage and access system for law enforcement body-worn camera data; etc. | | Passed

**SB 0382** | Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Task Force | Mary Washington | | Establishing the Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Task Force to survey and document a representative sampling of State and local codes, ordinances, laws, and policies regarding the development and operation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned for single-family residential use; and requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly its activities on or before November 1, 2023, and its findings and recommendations on or before June 1, 2024. | | Passed

**SB 0409** | Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees - Municipal Corporations | Ron Watson | | Authorizing a municipal corporation in the State to have a police accountability board to receive complaints of police misconduct from the public; requiring the board to submit an annual report to the governing body of the municipal corporation identifying trends in the disciplinary process of police officers and recommending changes to improve police accountability; and authorizing a municipal corporation to establish an administrative charging committee to serve law enforcement agencies in the municipal corporation. | | Introduced

**SB 0412** | Transportation – Maryland Rail Authority – Establishment (Maryland Rail Investment Act of 2023) | James Rosapepe | | Establishing the Maryland Rail Authority and the powers and duties that the Rail Authority, acting on behalf of the Department of Transportation, has with respect to the supervision, financing, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of railroad facilities projects; altering the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority to include the Executive Director of the Rail Authority; prohibiting the Transportation Authority from passing a budget plan that exceeds \$2,800,000,000; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0484** | Vehicle Laws - Reduction of Speed Limits by Local Authorities | Karen Lewis Young | | Authorizing local authorities statewide to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour after performing a certain



investigation; and establishing certain restrictions on the use of speed monitoring systems along highways for which the speed limit has been decreased. | | Introduced

**SB 0489** | Public Service Commission - Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity - Local Permits | Benjamin Brooks | | Establishing that a county or a municipal corporation has the authority to approve or deny any local permit required under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Service Commission for generating stations, transmission lines, and qualified generator lead lines; requiring a county or municipal corporation to approve or deny the local permits within a reasonable time and to the extent local laws are not preempted by State law; etc. | | Engrossed

**SB 0504** | Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Just Cause Termination Provisions | Anthony Muse | | Authorizing a county to adopt by local law or ordinance provisions prohibiting a landlord of residential property from failing to renew a lease or from terminating a holdover tenancy without just cause; and establishing certain requirements for a local law or ordinance adopted in accordance with the Act. | | Introduced

**SB 0518** | Tax Sales - Revisions | Paul Corderman | | Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to file a motion with a court to request that a certain certificate of sale be assigned to the governing body of the county or municipal corporation in a certain foreclosure action under certain circumstances; providing that, on a grant of the motion by the court, the holder of the certificate of sale forfeits certain rights and the amount paid to acquire the certificate of sale; etc. | | Passed

**SB 0549** | Economic Development – Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program and Fund (Innovation Economy Infrastructure Act of 2023) | Malcolm Augustine | | Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; establishing the Build Our Future Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the projects funded through and the economic impact of the Program on or before July 1, 2026. | | Passed

**SB 0571** | Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges | William Folden | | Requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day from the date of the incident that led to the investigation. | | Introduced

**SB 0577** | Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Counties and Municipal Corporations | Karen Lewis Young | | Repealing the authority of a municipal corporation that does not have a law enforcement agency to implement a speed monitoring system program; and altering the locations where a county or a municipal corporation may place and use a speed monitoring system. | | Introduced

**SB 0616** | Motor Vehicles - Modified Exhaust Systems and Noise Abatement Devices - Citations | Paul Corderman | | Authorizing a police officer who observes a motor vehicle being operated with a modified exhaust system or noise abatement device that causes the motor vehicle to exceed a certain noise level in violation of law to stop the motor vehicle and requiring the officer to issue a citation for the violation. | | Introduced

**SB 0696** | Prince George's Gateway Development Authority - Established | Malcolm Augustine | | Establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2025. | | Passed

**SB 0743** | Climate, Labor, and Environmental Equity Act of 2023 | Michael Jackson | | Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for certain communication with certain residents in a certain manner; and altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies. | | Introduced

**SB 0756** | Access to Counsel in Evictions - Funding | Guy Guzzone | | Extending through fiscal year 2027 a requirement that the Comptroller distribute \$14,000,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; and extending through fiscal year 2027 a requirement that the Governor include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$14,000,000 from the Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. | | Passed

**SB 0807** | Landlord and Tenant - Failure to Repair Serious and Dangerous Defects - Tenant Remedies (Tenant Safety Act) | Alonzo Washington | | Establishing that a landlord that offers a dwelling for rent is deemed to warrant the dwelling fit for human habitation; authorizing a single tenant or tenants' organization to seek remedies on behalf of a group of tenants for a landlord's failure to repair serious and dangerous defects on the leased premises; authorizing a tenant. a

group of tenants, or a tenants' organization to bring a civil action for money damages if a landlord fails to repair certain defects within 90 days of the court finding the conditions complained of exist; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0813** | Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program - Environmental Justice Funding | Alonzo Washington | | Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefitting underserved or overburdened communities; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter. | | Engrossed

**SB 0833** | Prince George's County Violence Interrupter Support Program Fund | Prince George's County Senators | | Establishing the Prince George's County Violence Interrupter Support Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide funding for violence interrupter support programs that use community-based efforts to reduce incidents of violence in Prince George's County; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund in fiscal years 2025 through 2028; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund. | | Engrossed

**SB 0848** | Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program - Establishment | Guy Guzzone | | Establishing a Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide vouchers and housing assistance payments for low-income families that are currently on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program for housing in units approved by the Department or a public housing agency, in accordance with guidelines under the federal program; and requiring the Department and public housing agencies to administer the State Program. | | Passed

**SB 0878** | Voting Rights Act of 2023 - Counties and Municipalities | Charles Sydnor | | Prohibiting local governments from impairing or diminishing the right of a protected class member to vote or influence election outcomes; establishing requirements on local governments regarding proposals for shifting methods of election and districting plans; requiring the Civil Rights Division of the Office of the Attorney General to approve or deny proposed local government remedies to address certain violations; establishing the Statewide Election Database and Information Office; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0904** | Foreclosure Proceedings - Residential Mortgagors and Grantors - Access to Counsel | Alonzo Washington | | Requiring that individuals have access to legal representation in certain foreclosure proceedings; establishing the Access to Counsel in Foreclosure Proceedings Program and Special Fund to provide funding to fully implement access to legal representation in foreclosure proceedings in the State; requiring the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to provide access to legal representation under the Program; requiring the Comptroller to collect a fee on residential property sales to be paid to the Fund; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0905** | Electric Companies, Gas Companies, and the Department of Housing and Community Development - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans | Brian Feldman | | Requiring each electric company and gas company and the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for its customers or certain individuals, beginning September 1, 2023, and every 3 years thereafter, certain energy efficiency, conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs and services to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in support of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and targets; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0908** | State Procurement – Preferences – Historically Underutilized Business Zone Businesses | Johnny Salling | | Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to try to achieve or exceed a certain overall percentage goal of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made with historically underutilized business zone businesses; providing for the determination of expected historically underutilized business zone business participation for individual solicitations; including certain historically underutilized business zone businesses in the Small Business Reserve Program; etc. | | Introduced

**SB 0909** | Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition | Bryan Simonaire | | Altering the definition of "public safety officer" to include certain public safety officers employed full time by a State public safety agency for purposes of a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of a public safety officer. | | Introduced

**SB 0923** | Natural Resources - Greenspace Equity Program - Establishment | Jim Rosapepe | | Establishing the Greenspace Equity Program in the Department of Natural Resources to provide grants to eligible applicants for enhancing the public health and livability of overburdened communities and underserved communities by implementing projects to preserve, create, and enhance community greenspace; requiring the Department to submit certain grant applications to the Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance; establishing the Greenspace Equity Advisory Board in the Department; etc. | | Engrossed

**SB 0927** | Commercial Vehicles - Police-Initiated Towing - Alterations | Jeff Waldstreicher | | Altering certain provisions related to the rates the Department of State Police sets for tow companies involved in certain police-initiated towing;

establishing the Committee on Rate Setting and Complaint Resolution for Police-Initiated Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Towing and Recovery; and requiring the Committee to recommend, on or before December 1, 2023, approved rates that should be charged for police-initiated towing and recovery services, meet regularly to consider modification of the rates, and make other recommendations. | | Engrossed

[SB 0939](#) | Transit - Grant Funding for Local Service - Alterations | Ron Watson | | Establishing the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program; authorizing program funds to be sourced from federal and State public transportation programs; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the total grants for locally operated transit service to exceed the total for fiscal year 2019, adjusted for inflation; requiring the Department of Transportation to make a certain adjustment in a subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate; etc. | | Introduced

[SB 0966](#) | Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness | Anthony Muse | | Establishing the Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County to review current wellness programs to create a healthy environment in Prince George's County; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024; etc. | | Engrossed

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# THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG 2022 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



PRESENTED BY



July 1, 2022

Takisha James, Mayor  
Town of Bladensburg  
4229 Edmonston Road  
Bladensburg, MD 20710

RE: Report of the 2022 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly

Dear Mayor James:

On behalf of LA Perez Consulting LLC, I am pleased to transmit to you the enclosed report which reflects, *among other things*, legislation considered by the General Assembly Committee of the Town of Bladensburg during the 2022 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

The goal and scope of this report is to document your examination of legislative proposals and policy recommendations you shared with the state legislature to craft local and statewide policy. Moreover, this report reflects Council's commitment to improve outcomes for Prince George's County and serves as a written communication for constituents.

Using data provided by the Department of General Services, included are bills of interest offered by the Prince George's County Delegation and statewide legislation offered by the body, not to be exhaustive. During our meetings and in this report, we sought to analyze and document fiscal implications for major pieces of legislation, where practical.

Finally, you will find other measures considered by the Maryland General Assembly important to deliberating, planning and evaluating your next steps. While this list is not comprehensive, it does exhibit/contain new laws of which contribute to your knowledge.

LA Perez Consulting continues to be committed to providing the highest quality work to the Town of Bladensburg. I hope you find this report informative. We look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Perez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lawrence A. "Tony" Perez  
President and CEO  
LA Perez Consulting, LLC

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## Session Overview

Maryland's 444<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly convened on January 12, 2022 and adjourned on April 11, 2022. This year the Maryland General Assembly conducted a hybrid legislative session which began virtually and ended with a variety of in-person hearings due to the enduring COVID-19 pandemic. The unique circumstances surrounding the 444<sup>th</sup> legislative session, including necessary health and safety measures, posed a challenge for lawmakers and advocates alike as the committee hearings in House of Delegates remained virtual. While many had feared that session would once again end early as it did in 2020, the General Assembly was able to run its full 90-day schedule.

In December, lawmakers convened with a week-long special session to address redistricting – a conversation that continued into the 90-day regular session. Other legislation enacted this year was passing the largest tax cut package in state history which will provide \$2 billion of tax relief for retirees, and struggling families, and small businesses. Other hot button items during this General Assembly included the environment, housing, and transportation.

Maryland's General Assembly saw the introduction of 3,114 bills in 2022, slightly more than the previous session, but only 783 were enacted – over double of what passed in 2021. Major areas of focus, among other subjects, were bills introduced by the Bi-County and County Affairs committees of the Prince George's County delegation as well as state-wide legislative proposals regarding Business and Economic Development; Energy and Environment; and Transportation. Of the numerous bills tracked in these subject areas, 23 made progress across the chambers and **17 made it to the Governor's desk.**



## Local Bills of Interest

### *Bi-County*

#### **PG/MC 100-22 (HB397) - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Montgomery County - County Council and District Council - Voting Thresholds**

This bill establishes new voting thresholds for the Montgomery County Council or Montgomery County District Council in matters concerning the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), as specified. The bill applies prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to the voting threshold necessary to take any action by the county council or the county district council before December 5, 2022.

**Local Effect:** NONE

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution – Chapter 611 – Effective October 1, 2022.

#### **PG/MC 101-22 (HB396) - Montgomery County Planning Board - Open Meetings - Video and Audio Streaming and Minutes**

This bill requires the Montgomery County Planning Board to, in addition to preparing minutes in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), (1) stream live video or audio of the open meetings of the board and (2) maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived recording of each livestreamed meeting. Further, the board must publish and maintain on its website the minutes of each open meeting. The inability of the board to comply with specified requirements of the bill due to technical failure does not affect the validity of any action taken by the board during the meeting under specified circumstances. If the board is unable to comply with the bill's livestreaming requirement, the board must make good-faith efforts to record an open meeting and maintain an archived recording of the meeting on its website, as specified.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill generally codifies the board's existing practice.

**Bill Progress:** Approved by the Governor – Chapter 456 – Effective – October 1, 2022

**PG/MC 103-22 (HB1059) - Bicounty Commissions - Ethics - Certification of Compliance**

This bill requires each bicounty commission to annually certify with the State Ethics Commission (SEC) that it is in compliance with specified requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relating to the regulation of conflicts of interest of employees, financial disclosure by employees, and lobbying of the bicounty commission. The bill also specifies that a bicounty commission may modify its lobbying regulations to the extent necessary to make the regulations relevant to the bicounty commission.

**Local Effect:** Bicounty commissions can comply with the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Bill Progress:** Approved by the Governor – Chapter 284 – Effective October 1, 2022.

**PG/MC 104-22 - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Membership - Alterations**

For the purpose of altering the membership of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and requiring certain commissioners to be employees of certain counties and have expertise in certain subjects; and generally relating to the membership of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Bill Progress:** Withdrawn by sponsor.

**PG/MC 105-22 (HB399) - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program - Termination Extension**

Continuing until July 1, 2023, provisions relating to procurement from Minority Business Enterprises to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC).

**Local Effect:** This bill does not materially affect WSSC's operations or finances.

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution – Effective June 1, 2023.

**PG/MC 106-22 (HB400) - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Hiring and Promotion Preferences - Veterans and Their Spouses**

This bill authorizes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to grant a hiring and promotion preference to an eligible veteran, the spouse of an eligible veteran who has a service-connected disability, or the surviving spouse of a deceased eligible veteran. An eligible veteran is a veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces who has received an honorable discharge or a certificate of satisfactory completion of military service, including the National Guard, the military reserves, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The bill establishes that granting this preference does not violate any State or local Equal Employment Opportunity law. The bill also repeals the requirement that certain honorably discharged veterans must receive a specified credit in competitive selection processes for appointment

**Local Effect:** None. WSSC can implement and enforce the bill with existing resources.

**Bill Progress:** Approved by the Governor – Chapter 457 – Effective October 1, 2023.

**PG/MC 107-22 - Montgomery County - Land Use Documents - Certification**

For the purpose of requiring certain land use regulations applicable in Montgomery County to require that an applicant sign a certification for certain documents submitted to the county planning board; and generally relating to the certification of certain land use documents in Montgomery County.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Bill Progress:** Withdrawn by sponsor.

**PG/MC 109-22 (HB526) - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Plumbing and Fuel Gas Services - Licenses and Penalties**

This bill prohibits a person from providing, attempting to provide, or offering to provide plumbing services in any area of Montgomery County or Prince George's County under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) without a license from WSSC. The bill similarly prohibits a person from assisting, attempting to assist, or offering to assist in providing fuel gas services in the same areas without a license. Further, the bill authorizes WSSC to deny a license to any applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license in specified circumstances, subject to existing procedures related to the revocation or suspension of licenses. Finally, WSSC is authorized by the bill to impose a penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation, after taking into account certain factors (i.e., the seriousness of the violation, the harm caused, the good faith of the licensee, and any history of previous violations).

**Local Effect:** No material effect to WSSC revenues or expenditures, as there are relatively few annual violations subject to the bill's enhanced penalty provisions. The bill's licensing provisions codify existing practice, so any changes to enforcement procedures are expected to be minimal and can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 598 – Effective October 1, 2022.

**PG/MC 111-22 (HB535) - Washington Suburban Transit Commission - Montgomery County and Prince George's County Commissioners - Repeal of Term Limit**

This bill authorizes the members of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC) that are appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County and the member appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's County who is not the required member from the Prince George's County Council to serve more than two consecutive terms. As a result, only the members appointed by the Governor are prohibited from serving more than two consecutive terms.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect local government operations or finances.

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 740 – Effective July 1, 2022.

## *County Affairs*

### **PG 306-22 (HB1341) - Prince George's County – Other Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices – Requirements and Limitations**

This bill authorizes Prince George's County to enact and enforce local laws that regulate the sale and distribution of other tobacco products (OTP) and electronic smoking devices (ESD), including laws that (1) limit the number of OTP and ESD retailer and vape shop vendor licenses issued in the county; (2) establish requirements for license applicants or licensees in the county; and (3) prohibit the operation of OTP, ESD, and vape shop vendor businesses in designated geographic areas, including through the use of density zone restrictions. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County must deny an OTP or ESD retailer or vape shop vendor license under specified circumstances, including if the applicant acts or seeks to act as an OTP or ESD retailer or vape shop vendor at a location within a specified proximity to a primary or secondary school or in a census tract with a specified density of existing licensed premises. The bill similarly authorizes the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) to deny, suspend, or revoke a license or reprimand a licensee under specified circumstances.

**Fiscal Effect:** Prince George's County revenues and expenditures are potentially affected County revenues and expenditures are potentially affected to the extent that the county enacts and enforces local laws governing the sale and distribution of these products. Further, to the extent the county enacts and enforces local laws that have the effect of restricting or reducing the sale and consumption of OTP or ESD, State general fund revenues may be affected due to forgone tax revenues collected from the sale of these products. Any such impacts, however, cannot be reliably predicted.

**Bill Progress:** Unfavorable report by House Economic Matters Committee.

**PG 402-22 (HB394) - Prince George's County - Municipal Tax Setoff, School Facilities Surcharge, and Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge - Reports**

This bill alters the due dates for three annual reports in Prince George's County: the municipal property tax setoff report, the school facilities surcharge report, and the public safety and behavioral health surcharge report. Each annual report must be submitted on or before October 31.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill does not affect Prince George's County finances.

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution – Chapter 610 – Effective July 1, 2022.

**PG 404-22 (HB398) - Prince George's County - Land Use - Inclusionary Zoning Around Transit Stations**

Requiring the Prince George's County district council to adopt an inclusionary zoning policy for the areas within a 3-mile radius of a planned or existing Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority transit station; and requiring the policy to mandate that at least 25% of units in each new residential development located in the covered area be sold or rented as affordable housing, based on the area median income.

**Local Effect:** None

**Bill Progress:** Withdrawn by Sponsor

**PG 406-22 (HB1057) - Prince George's County - Recreation Blue Ribbon Workgroup**

This emergency bill establishes the Prince George's County Recreation Blue Ribbon Workgroup for the purpose of conducting a study and providing recommendations to the Prince George's County Council regarding several aspects of providing recreational services in the county. Workgroup recommendations are due to the Prince George's County Council by April 11, 2023.

**Local Effect:** The Prince George's County Government can staff the workgroup and conduct the required study with existing resources. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) can assist the workgroup and provide any related information with existing resources.

**Bill Progress** The four amendments proposed by the Prince George's County Council were adopted by the sponsor and passed. Approved by the Governor – Chapter 218 – Emergency Bill.



## Statewide Bills of Interest

### *Business and Economic Development*

#### **HB156 - Local Governments – Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones – Authorization**

This bill authorizes local governments to establish urban agricultural incentive zones. The bill also authorizes local governments to provide various tax incentives to persons involved in urban agricultural activities.

**Local Effect:** Local government property tax revenues may decrease beginning in FY 2023. Local government expenditures are not affected.

**Bill Progress:** Progressed to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

#### **SB99 (HB477) - Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices – Local Law Authorization**

This bill expressly authorizes a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws that are at least as stringent as State laws that regulate the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products (OTP), and electronic smoking devices (ESD), except for the issuance of cigarette, OTP, and ESD licenses and the taxation of cigarettes and OTP. The bill further states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the bill be applied and interpreted to abrogate the holding of the Court of Appeals in *Altadis U.S.A., Inc. et al. v. Prince George's County, Maryland* 431 Md. 307 (2013).

**Local Effect:** Local government revenues and expenditures may increase.

**Bill Progress:** Senate bill did not receive a vote in Committee. House bill was withdrawn by sponsor.



## *Elections and Voting*

### **HB525 - Montgomery County Council and Prince George's County Council - Candidate Residency Requirements**

This emergency bill establishes that – in a year in which members of the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council are elected and a county council redistricting plan takes effect – a candidate for either county council who seeks to represent a district is (1) required to reside in the county council district the candidate seeks to represent at the time of the primary election and at the time of the general election and (2) is not required to reside in the county council district the candidate seeks to represent before the primary election.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not directly affect local government finances

**Bill Progress:** This bill did not receive a vote by the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **SB413 - Voting Rights Act of 2022 – Counties and Municipalities**

This emergency bill (1) establishes a specified prohibition against the impairment of the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of their choice in elections in a county or municipality, or to influence the outcome of such elections; (2) includes factors, considerations, and criteria related to the establishment of a violation of the prohibition; and (3) authorizes the Attorney General to enforce the prohibition. The bill does not apply to statewide elections.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect local government finances.

**Bill Progress:** This bill did not receive a vote by the Senate Education, Health, and Environment Committee.

### **SB925 - Prince George's County - Special Elections Conducted by Mail - Voting Centers**

This bill modifies requirements regarding the number, location, and days and hours of operation of in-person voting centers during a special election conducted by mail in Prince George's County.

**Local Effects:** Prince George's County expenditures for voting centers in any future special elections conducted by mail may be affected to the extent the bill's modifications, and choices by the county council in a resolution establishing that a special election will be conducted by mail, result in a different number and/or different days and hours of operation of early voting centers for a given special election conducted by mail, under the bill, in comparison to the number and days and hours of operation of early voting centers that would otherwise be implemented under current law.

**Bill Progress:** This bill crossed into the House but did not receive a vote from the Ways & Means Committee.

### ***Environment and Energy***

#### **HB157 - Vehicle Laws - Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces**

This bill prohibits stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a designated "plug-in electric drive vehicle charging space," unless that vehicle is a "plug-in electric drive vehicle" that is plugged into charging equipment. The bill establishes signage requirements for such designated vehicle charging spaces and also establishes that a person who violates the bill's provisions is subject to a civil penalty of \$100.

**Local Effects:** Local government revenues are likely not materially affected. Local government expenditures increase minimally to procure signs compliant with the bill. Otherwise, enforcement can be handled with existing resources

**Bill Progress:** Approved by the Governor – Chapter 418 – Effective October 1, 2022.

### **HB1083 (SB376) - County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act**

This bill authorizes a local government, subject to specified requirements, to (1) convert its street lighting service to a customer-owned street lighting tariff established under the bill; (2) submit a request to acquire “street lighting equipment,” as defined, from the electric company at some or all locations within the county or municipality; and (3) enter into an agreement to purchase electricity. If the county or municipality and the electric company fail to agree to the purchase price or conditions of purchase of the street lighting equipment, the county or municipality may acquire the equipment by condemnation, subject to specified requirements. The bill also specifies several related findings by the General Assembly.

**Fiscal Effect:** Potential meaningful benefit for local governments that acquire street lighting equipment under the bill. The effect of any change in service tariffs for local governments cannot be reliably estimated at this time

**Bill Progress:** House bill received an Unfavorable report from Economic Matters Committee and Senate bill did not receive a vote from the Finance Committee.

### **HB1200 (SB818) - Environment – Permit Applications – Environmental Justice Screening**

This bill requires a person who is applying for a permit under § 1-601(a) of the Environment Article to include, as part of the permit application, the “EJ Score” from the “Maryland EJ tool” for the census tract where the applicant is seeking a permit, unless the permit requires the applicant to use a tool developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In accordance with regulations adopted under the bill, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) must review the EJ Score for the census tract where the applicant is seeking a permit using the Maryland EJ tool to verify the applicant’s information. The bill requires MDE to adopt implementing regulations. The bill also modifies public notice provisions applicable to certain permit applications to incorporate EJ Scores, as specified.

**Fiscal Effect:** The bill may affect local governments as permit holders.

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution – Chapter 588 – Effective October 1, 2022.

## **SB528 - Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022**

This bill makes broad changes to the State's approach to reducing statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and addressing climate change. Among other things, the bill (1) increases the statewide GHG emissions reduction requirement and requires the State to achieve net-zero statewide GHG emissions by 2045; (2) establishes new and alters existing energy conservation requirements for buildings; (3) increases and extends specified energy efficiency and conservation program requirements; (4) establishes requirements for the purchase of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) in the State fleet; and (5) establishes new entities and new special funds to support related activities.

**Local Effect:** Although a reliable estimate of the bill's impacts on local finances cannot be made at this time, the bill may result in a significant increase in local expenditures. Local personal property tax revenues decrease in some counties. Local finances may also be affected as a result of the bill's provisions related to school construction and the Electric School Bus Pilot Program. This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.

**Bill Progress:** The bill takes effect June 1, 2022; specified provisions terminate June 30, 2024, December 31, 2029, and June 30, 2030.

## ***Transportation***

### **HB120 - Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application**

This bill specifies that the general authority of a railroad company to acquire property by condemnation does not apply to an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation propulsion system.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to affect local government operations or finances.

**Bill Progress:** This bill did not receive a vote by the House Economic Matters Committee.

**HB254 (SB874) - State Highway Administration - Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities - Infrastructure Review (Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022)**

This bill requires the State Highway Administration (SHA) to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or municipal street. The bill establishes requirements for SHA in conducting the infrastructure reviews and requires that each review be (1) completed within six months after SHA is notified by law enforcement of a fatality and (2) published on SHA's website. By December 1, 2023, SHA must publish the vulnerable road user safety assessment required by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) on its website.

**Local Effect:** Local government finances are not affected. Local governments can cooperate with SHA as necessary and appropriate using existing budgeted resources.

**Bill Progress:** Approved by the Governor – Chapter 153 – Effective October 1, 2022.

**HB326 (SB359) - State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System**

This bill prohibits the State (or any unit or instrumentality of the State) from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation (Maglev) transportation system located or to be located in the State. The bill does not apply to expenditures for the salaries of personnel assigned to review permits or other forms of approval for a Maglev transportation system.

**Local Effect:** No immediate effect.

**Bill Progress:** Neither the Senate or the House bill received a vote in respective committees.

**HB438 (SB463) - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Funding Formulas – Alteration (WMATA Dedicated Funding Amendment Act of 2022)**

This bill modifies the formulas by which the State provides capital funding grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) beginning in fiscal 2027

**Local Effect:** The bill does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

**Bill Progress:** House Conference Committee was assigned.

**HB656 (SB880) - Safe Access for All (SAFE) Roads Act of 2022**

This bill establishes various requirements for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the State Highway Administration (SHA) related to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety, including (1) requirements for the planning, development, and implementation of certain elements and improvements; (2) mandated appropriations for SHA's Safety, Congestion Relief, Highway, and Bridges System Preservation Minor Projects Program for fiscal 2024; and (3) a reporting requirement

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to have a direct, material effect on local government operations or finances.

**Bill Progress:** The House bill crossed chambers but did not receive a vote in Senate Finance Committee.

**HB778 (SB514) - Transportation - Investment Program - MARC Rail Service (Maryland Regional Rail Transformation Act)**

This bill requires the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to establish individual investment programs to advance the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Cornerstone Plan and other MARC improvements, as specified. The bill also requires MTA to (1) advance specified rail priority projects as part of the investment programs, as specified and (2) conduct a MARC Cornerstone Plan Implementation Study. In addition, the bill establishes a Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) Workgroup to examine specified funding issues. The workgroup must be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS)



and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 16, 2022.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local operations or finances.

**Bill Progress:** Gubernatorial Veto Override – Chapters 52 and 54 – Effective July 1, 2022.

### **HB1187 (SB726) - Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution**

This bill increases the amount of funds from the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account (GMVRA) that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) must annually provide to local governments beginning in fiscal 2024. Additionally, beginning in fiscal 2024, the bill increases (1) the portion of the corporate income tax revenue that must be distributed to a special fund for distribution to GMVRA and an administrative cost account within the Comptroller's Office and (2) the portion of that special fund that must be distributed to the administrative cost account.

**Local Effect:** Over the five-year period addressed in this fiscal and policy note, relative to current law, local government revenues increase by an estimated \$51.9 million in FY 2024, \$190.3 million in FY 2025, \$241.5 million in FY 2026, and \$245.6 million in FY 2027. The Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for FY 2022 through 2027 HB 1187/ Page 2 reflects a portion of the bill's changes, as discussed below. Expenditures are not directly affected.

**Bill Progress:** Approved by the Governor – Chapter 240 – Effective July 1, 2022.

### **HB1322 - Operating Budget - Consolidated Transportation Program and Unanticipated Federal Funds**

This emergency bill requires the financial forecast that supports the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) to include, for the summary of revenues and receipts component, a line item of \$35 million for a reserve for changes in revenue sources for each fiscal year included in the forecast. In addition, the bill specifies that, in fiscal 2022 and 2023, money authorized by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) generally may not be expended by budget amendment unless the funds are to be used for specified purposes. Funds authorized by budget amendment in accordance with the bill must be expended by



June 30, 2023, and may not supplant existing funds. The bill's restrictions do not apply to a federal fund budget amendment if the Board of Public Works (BPW) determines that the amendment is essential to maintaining the public safety, health, or welfare of the State or protecting the environment or economic welfare of the State. The bill's provisions relating to expenditure of IIJA funds by budget amendment terminate June 30, 2023.

**Local Effects:** Local government revenues and expenditures are potentially affected.

**Bill Progress:** This bill did not receive a vote from the House Appropriations Committee.

### **SB516 (HB510) - Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act**

This bill establishes the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund and its purpose, funding sources, and authorized uses. The Governor must include in the annual budget bill a general fund appropriation to the fund of \$10.0 million for fiscal 2024. The bill also requires the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to the General Assembly by November 30, 2025, on efforts to increase TOD throughout the State.

**Local Effects:** To the extent local jurisdictions receive financial assistance, local revenues and expenditures increase.

**Bill Progress:** Senate bill crossed into the House – First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. House bill did not receive a vote in Committee.

## *Labor & Employment*

### **HB158 (SB554) - Maryland New Start Act of 2022**

This bill establishes the Maryland New Start Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) and the Maryland New Start Microloan Program, along with a nonlapsing special fund, in the Department of Commerce. MDL must award grants to at least five eligible organizations to create or support existing entrepreneurship development programs that assist specified formerly imprisoned individuals or specified individuals approved for release by a correctional facility. Commerce may award collateral-free loans to these formerly or currently imprisoned individuals. Commerce, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs (GOSBA), must administer the microloan program. The Governor must include an appropriation of at least \$300,000 to the Maryland New Start Microloan Fund and at least \$200,000 for the Maryland New Start Grant Program in the annual budget bill in fiscal 2024 through 2028.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Bill Progress:** Enacted under Article II, Section 17 © of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 485 – Effective July 1, 2022.

## *Miscellaneous*

### **HB59 - Ethics – Local Governments – Registration of Lobbyists**

This bill requires the model lobbying provisions for local governments adopted by the State Ethics Commission (SEC) to require an entity that engages in specified lobbying activities, comparable to those activities that require an entity to register as a lobbyist with SEC under the Maryland Public Ethics Law, to (1) register with the agency responsible for implementing the lobbying provisions and (2) be a regulated lobbyist under the lobbying provisions. The bill similarly requires the lobbying provisions adopted by a local government to require an entity to register with the appropriate agency and be a regulated lobbyist if the entity engages in specified lobbying activities

**Local Effect:** Local governments must update lobbying provisions as necessary and may incur costs to administer changes to these provisions, as discussed below.

Local revenues are potentially impacted to the extent that additional entities are required to file lobbying registrations with local ethics agencies and pay associated fees. This bill may impose a mandate on a unit of local government.

**Bill Progress.** This bill crossed the Chamber to the Senate but did not receive a vote by the Education, Health, and Environment Committee.

The Town of Bladensburg  
2022 Bill Status Summary Chart

Bill #	Title/Purpose/Impact	Current Status	Notes/Position
<b>BI-COUNTY</b>			
PG MC 100-22 (HB397)	<b>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Montgomery County - County Council and District Council - Voting Thresholds</b> - For the purpose of adjusting the voting thresholds necessary for the Montgomery County Council or the Montgomery County District Council to take certain actions related to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and generally relating to the votes of the Montgomery County Council and District Council members	Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 611	MONITOR
PG MC 101-22 (HB396)	<b>Montgomery County Planning Board - Open Meetings - Video and Audio Streaming and Minutes</b> - For the purpose of requiring the Montgomery County Planning Board to stream live video or teleconference audio or other audio of the open meetings of the Board and to prepare minutes of each open meeting; requiring the Board to maintain on its website complete and unedited archived recordings of livestreamed open meetings and the minutes of its open meetings; providing that the inability of the Board to comply with the livestreaming requirements due to technical issues does not affect the validity of actions taken by the Board at an open meeting; and generally relating to meetings of the Montgomery County Planning Board	Approved by the Governor, Chapter 456	MONITOR
PG MC 103-22 (HB1059)	<b>Bicounty Commissions - Ethics - Certification of Compliance</b> - For the purpose of requiring each bicounty commission to certify to the Ethics Commission that the bicounty commission is in compliance with requirements relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying; and generally relating to bicounty commissions and ethics.	Approved by the Governor, Chapter 284	MONITOR
PG MC 104-22	<b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Membership - Alterations</b> - For the purpose of altering the membership of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and requiring certain commissioners to be employees of certain counties and have expertise in certain subjects; and generally relating to the membership of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.	WITHDRAWN	MONITOR
PG MC 105-22 (HB399)	<b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program - Termination Extension</b> - For the purpose of continuing until a certain date provisions relating to procurement from minority business enterprises by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 612	MONITOR
PG MC 106-22 (HB400)	<b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Hiring and Promotion Preferences - Veterans and Their Spouses</b> - For the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to certain veterans, spouses of certain veterans, and surviving spouses of certain veterans; providing that granting a preference under this Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws; and generally relating to hiring and promotion preferences for veterans and their spouses.	Approved by the Governor, Chapter 457	MONITOR

The Town of Bladensburg  
2022 Bill Status Summary Chart

Bill #	Title/Purpose/Impact	Current Status	Notes/Position
PG MC 107-22	<b>Montgomery County - Land Use Documents - Certification</b> - For the purpose of requiring certain land use regulations applicable in Montgomery County to require that an applicant sign a certification for certain documents submitted to the county planning board; and generally relating to the certification of certain land use documents in Montgomery County.	WITHDRAWN	MONITOR
PG MC 109-22 (HB526)	<b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Plumbing and Fuel Gas Services - Licenses and Penalties</b> - For the purpose of prohibiting a person from providing, attempting to provide, or offering to provide certain plumbing services in any area of Montgomery County or Prince George's County under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission without a license from the Commission; prohibiting a person from assisting, attempting to assist, or offering to assist in providing certain fuel gas services in any area of Montgomery County or Prince George's County under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission without a license from the Commission; authorizing the Commission's Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board to deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license under certain circumstances, authorizing the Board to impose a certain penalty for certain violations, requiring the Board to consider certain factors in determining the amount of a certain penalty; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.	On the Governor's desk	MONITOR
PG MC 111-22 (HB535)	<b>Washington Suburban Transit Commission - Montgomery County Commissioners - Repeal of Term Limit</b> - For the purpose of repealing the prohibition against a Commissioner of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission serving more than a certain number of consecutive terms as it applies to a Commissioner appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County, and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission.	On the Governor's desk	MONITOR
<b>COUNTY AFFAIRS</b>			
PG 306-22 (HB1341)	<b>Prince George's County - Other Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices - Requirements and Limitations</b> - Authorizing Prince George's County to enact and enforce local laws that regulate the sale and distribution of certain tobacco products and electronic smoking devices, establishing, in Prince George's County, grounds for the reprimand of certain licensees and the denial, suspension, and revocation of certain licenses; etc.	UNFAVORABLE REPORT	MONITOR



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Bill #	Title/Purpose/Impact	Current Status	Notes/Position
PG 402-22 (HB394)	<b>Prince George's County - Municipal Tax Setoff, School Facilities Surcharge, and Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge -</b> Altering, from January 31 to October 31, the date by which the governing body of Prince George's County is required each year to complete a certain report concerning the county's municipal tax setoffs; and altering the dates from August 31 to October 31, by which the County Executive of Prince George's County is required to prepare an annual report on a certain school facilities surcharge and from March 1 to October 31, for a certain public safety and behavioral health surcharge.	Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 610	MONITOR
PG 404-22 (HB398)	<b>Prince George's County - Land Use - Inclusionary Zoning Around Transit Stations -</b> Requiring the Prince George's County district council to adopt an inclusionary zoning policy for the areas within a 3-mile radius of a planned or existing Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority transit station; and requiring the policy to mandate that at least 25% of units in each new residential development located in the covered area be sold or rented as affordable housing, based on the area median income.	WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR	MONITOR
PG 406-22 (HB1057)	<b>Prince George's County - Recreation Authority - Authorization -</b> Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to establish a recreation authority in the county; establishing the Prince George's County Recreation Authority Blue Ribbon Workgroup to study and make recommendations to the Prince George's County Council regarding the establishment of a recreation authority in the county; and stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the possible transfer of employees from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to a Prince George's County recreation authority.	Approved by the Governor, Chapter 218	MONITOR

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2022 Bill Status Summary Chart

Bill #	Title/Purpose/Impact	Current Status	Notes/Position
<b>STATEWIDE</b>			
<b>HB59</b>	<b>Ethics – Local Governments – Registration of Lobbyists</b> - Establishing requirements for model lobbying registration requirements that are adopted by the State Ethics Commission for local governments; and requiring lobbying provisions adopted by local governments to require a certain entity to register with the agency responsible for implementing the lobbying provisions and be a regulated lobbyist under the lobbying provisions.	In the Senate - Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
<b>HB120</b>	<b>Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application</b> - Establishing that certain authority of railroad companies to acquire property by condemnation does not apply to an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation propulsion system.	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
<b>HB156</b>	<b>Local Governments – Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones – Authorization</b> - Authorizing a local government to establish procedures for a qualifying farmer or partner organization to apply to designate an area as an urban agricultural incentive zone; authorizing a local government to designate an urban agricultural incentive zone; establishing an urban agricultural incentive zone advisory committee to advise a local government on the designation of an area as an urban agricultural incentive zone, requiring an urban agricultural incentive zone established by the Act to dissolve after 25 years; etc.	In the Senate - Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
<b>HB157</b>	<b>Vehicle Laws - Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces</b> - Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle plugged into charging equipment in a parking space that is designated for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for purposes of complying with certain laws; etc.	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 418	MONITOR
<b>HB158 (SB554)</b>	<b>Maryland New Start Act of 2022</b> - Establishing the Maryland New Start Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide multiyear grants to organizations to create or support existing entrepreneurship development programs to provide assistance to certain formerly imprisoned individuals and to provide loans, not to exceed \$50,000, to certain individuals participating in those programs; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2029 on funding, services provided, oversight, and overall performance and impact of the Program; etc.	Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 485	MONITOR



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2022 Bill Status Summary Chart

Bill #	Title/Purpose/Impact	Current Status	Notes/Position
HB254 (SB374)	<b>State Highway Administration - Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities - Infrastructure Review (Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022)</b> - Requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or a municipal street to identify certain deficiencies and identify appropriate corrective actions; and requiring the Administration to complete the review within 6 months after being notified by law enforcement of a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality and publish the review on its website.	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 153	MONITOR
HB326 (SB359)	<b>State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System</b> - Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.	In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)	MONITOR
HB438 (SB463)	<b>Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - Funding Formulas - Alteration (WMATA Dedicated Funding Amendment Act of 2022)</b> - Requiring the appropriation in the annual budget for the purpose of providing grants to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to equal at least the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2022; requiring, subject to a certain contingency, that a certain mandated appropriation be increased by 3% each year; etc.	In the House - Conference Committee Appointed	MONITOR
HB525	<b>Montgomery County Council and Prince George's County Council - Candidate Residency Requirements</b> - Establishing residency requirements for candidates for the Montgomery County Council and Prince George's County Council who seek to represent a county council district in certain years.	In the House - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
HB656 (SB880)	<b>Safe Access for All (SAFE) Roads Act of 2022</b> - Requiring the Department of Transportation, under certain circumstances, to recommend and implement certain design elements when developing certain projects; requiring the Department to implement certain safety improvements for certain projects; requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct a certain analysis and study; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill for certain purposes; etc.	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	MONITOR
HB778 (SB514)	<b>Transportation - Investment Program - MARC Rail Service (Maryland Regional Rail Transformation Act)</b> - Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to establish certain investment programs for enhancing certain rail lines and services operated by the Maryland Area Regional Commuter rail service; requiring the Administration to advance certain rail projects in fiscal year 2023; and requiring the Administration to conduct a certain study.	Gubernatorial Veto Override (Legislative date - 4/8/2022) - Chapter 54	MONITOR

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2022 Bill Status Summary Chart

Bill #	Title/Purpose/Impact	Current Status	Notes/Position
HB1083 (SB376)	<b>County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act</b> - Authorizing a certain county or municipality to convert its street lighting service to a customer-owned street lighting tariff, acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and request that an electric company remove certain street lighting equipment in the county's or municipality's jurisdiction; authorizing certain street lighting disputes to be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; etc	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	MONITOR
HB1187 (SB726)	<b>Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution</b> - Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2020, the amounts of capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 240	MONITOR
HB1200 (SB818)	<b>Environment – Permit Applications – Environmental Justice Screening</b> - Requiring a person applying for a certain permit from the Department of the Environment to include in the application the EJ Score from the Maryland EJ tool for the census tract where the applicant is seeking the permit, requiring the Department, on receiving a certain permit application, to review the EJ Score for the census tract where the applicant is seeking a permit using the Maryland EJ tool to verify the applicant's information; etc	Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 588	MONITOR
HB1322	<b>Operating Budget - Consolidated Transportation Program and Unanticipated Federal Funds</b> - Requiring the financial forecast that supports the Consolidated Transportation Program to include a reserve of \$35,000,000 for certain changes in certain revenue sources; prohibiting the expenditure of certain money from the federal government by amendment of an appropriation in the fiscal year 2022 or 2023 State budget unless the money is used for certain purposes; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to the amendment of an appropriation if the Board of Public Works makes a certain determination.	In the House - Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
SB99 (HB477)	<b>Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices – Local Law Authorization</b> - Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, except for the issuance of certain licenses or the imposition of certain taxes.	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 2:00 p.m.	MONITOR
SB359 (HB326)	<b>State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System</b> - Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	MONITOR

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2022 Bill Status Summary Chart**

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<b>SB376 (HB1083)</b>	<b>County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act</b> - Authorizing a certain county or municipality to convert its street lighting service to a customer-owned street lighting tariff; acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and request that an electric company remove certain street lighting equipment in the county's or municipality's jurisdiction; authorizing certain street lighting disputes to be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; etc.	In the Senate - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
<b>SB413</b>	<b>Voting Rights Act of 2022 – Counties and Municipalities</b> - Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence.	In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	MONITOR
<b>SB516 (HB510)</b>	<b>Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act</b> - Altering the More Jobs for Marylanders Program to allow certain businesses located in certain transit-oriented developments to qualify for certain Program benefits; extending the deadline after which the Department of Commerce may not certify certain businesses to participate in the Program; establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance related to transit-oriented development; etc.	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	MONITOR
<b>SB528</b>	<b>Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022</b> - Requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions through the alteration of statewide greenhouse gas emissions goals, the establishment of a net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions goal, the development of certain energy efficiency and emissions reduction requirements for certain buildings, and requiring electric companies to increase their annual incremental gross energy savings; requiring the Governor to provide funding of at least \$500,000 for the Maryland Healthy Soils Program in fiscal years 2024 through 2028; etc.	Enacted under Article II, Section 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 38	MONITOR
<b>SB726 (HB1176)</b>	<b>Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution</b> - Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2020, the amounts of capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities.	In the House - Rereferred to Environment and Transportation	MONITOR

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2022 Bill Status Summary Chart

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SB874 (HB254)	State Highway Administration - Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities - Infrastructure Review (Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022) - Requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or a municipal street to identify certain deficiencies and identify appropriate corrective actions; and requiring the Administration to complete the review within 6 months after being notified by law enforcement of a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality and publish the review on its website.	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 154	MONITOR
SB925	Prince George's County - Special Elections Conducted by Mail - Voting Centers - Altering requirements for voting centers used in a special election conducted by mail in Prince George's County.	In the House - Hearing 3/29 at 2:45 p.m.	MONITOR

**Legislative Chart Key:**

- Color Code -   - Progressed to Governor
- Color Code -   - Legislation is moving
- Color Code -   - Legislation failed
- Color Code -   - Legislation not called for a Committee vote

## Appendices





Department of Legislative Services  
**General Assembly of Maryland**  
**Dates of Interest**  
**2022 SESSION**  
**444th Session**

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- January 12** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES** (*noon, Wednesday*)
- 18** **7<sup>th</sup> Day — SENATE AND HOUSE BILL DRAFTING REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE**
- 19** Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill
- 19** Final date for the Governor to introduce capital budget bill
- 21** **10<sup>th</sup> Day** — Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the Executive Branch of State Government; either Chamber may disapprove by resolution within 50 days.
- 24** **13<sup>th</sup> Day** — Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee.
- 26** **15<sup>th</sup> Day** — Final date for introduction of Governor's Salary Commission, General Assembly Compensation Commission, and Judicial Compensation Commission recommendations. Legislative action must be taken within 50 days after introduction of the joint resolutions of the Governor's Salary Commission and the Judicial Compensation Commission.
- February 2** Governor delivers the State of the State Address (Virtual—Time TBD)
- 7** **27<sup>th</sup> Day — SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**  
Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
- 11** **31<sup>st</sup> Day — HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**  
"Hopper" will close at 5 P.M. on February 10  
House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
- 20** **40<sup>th</sup> Day** — "Green Bag" appointments submitted by Governor (*Delivered on Friday, February 18*)
- March 7** **55<sup>th</sup> Day** — Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- 15** **63<sup>rd</sup> Day** — Committee Reporting Courtesy Date  
Each Chamber's committees to report their own bills by this date
- 21** **69<sup>th</sup> Day** — Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date  
Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably  
Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)
- April 4** **83<sup>rd</sup> Day** — Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
- April 11** **90<sup>th</sup> Day — ADJOURNMENT "SINE DIE"** (*Monday*)
- May 11** Final date for an extended session (*Wednesday*)

**POST-SESSION**

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| <b>April 30</b>  | 20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentment of bills to Governor                 |
| <b>May 30</b>    | 30th Day after presentment — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date                        |
| <b>June 1</b>    | Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect |
| <b>July 1</b>    | Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect   |
| <b>October 1</b> | Usual effective date for bills   |

**HOLIDAYS AND OTHER OBSERVANCES**

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| <b>January 1</b>  | New Year's Day*              | <b>March 25</b> | Maryland Day |
| <b>January 17</b> | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* | <b>April 15</b> | Passover     |



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July 6, 2023

57th Avenue Improvements  
Job # 23-246  
Pages (2)

We are pleased to offer our **PROPOSAL** for construction services for the above referenced project

Following is our detailed scope of work:

#### I. MILL & OVERLAY

<b>Mill &amp; Overlay Existing 57th Avenue Paving: 11,425 Square Yards - 2" Surface Asphalt</b>			
MILLING			
INSTALL SURFACE ASPHALT			
SAW CUT AND MILL TIE-INS			
TEMPORARY STRIPING			
THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING			
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC			
MOBILIZATION (INCLUDES 1)			
<b>BID I. TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$212,900.00</b>

#### II. CONCRETE WORK

Description	Bid Item Quantity	Unit	Bid Item Total
REMOVE AND REPLACE CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER INCLUDES OFF-SITE DISPOSAL	285	LF	
REMOVE & REPLACE CONCRETE SIDEWALK INCLUDES OFF-SITE DISPOSAL	450	SF	
REMOVE & REPLACE EXISTING CONCRETE RAMPS WITH DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACES (285 SF) INCLUDES OFF-SITE DISPOSAL	1,760	SF	
REMOVE & REPLACE EXISTING HEADER CURB BEHIND RAMPS INCLUDES OFF-SITE DISPOSAL	260	LF	
REMOVE & REPLACE CONCRETE DRIVEWAY APRON INCLUDES OFF-SITE DISPOSAL	40	SF	
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1	LS	
MOBILIZATION (INCLUDES 1)	1	EA	
<b>BID II. TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$104,425.00</b>

<b>BID I. &amp; II. TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$317,325.00</b>
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Optional and/or Additional Work Items	Bid Item Quantity	Unit	Bid Item Total
ASPHALT BASE PATCHING	1	TON	\$175.00
UNDERCUT & REFILL WITH GAB	1	TON	\$50.00
ADDITIONAL MOBILIZATIONS	1	EA	\$3,500.00

**NOTE: DUE TO CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS AND POTENTIAL SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, PRICING MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!!**

Paving • Soil Stabilization / Reclamation • Site Work





**NOTE: SOIL CEMENTING 50 LBS. PER SQUARE YARD AT 12" DEPTH IS FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES ONLY. ACTUAL APPLICATION RATE MUST BE PROVIDED BY GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER AND BILLED ACCORDINGLY!!**

**\*PRICING EXCLUDES CERTIFIED PAYROLL & WAGE SCALE RATES, EXCAVATION, UNDERCUT & REFILL, THIRD PARTY TESTING, TEST PITTING, CLEARING, SEDIMENT CONTROLS, SODDING, COLD WEATHER PROTECTION, BACKFILLING CURB & GUTTER/EDGE OF PAVING, FLOW THRU INLETS, PRECAST STRUCTURES, UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS, UTILITY/TRENCH PATCHING, BRICK PAVERS, PERVIOUS ASPHALT/CONCRETE/PAVERS, UNDERDRAINS, OVERDRAINS, STAMPED ASPHALT, STAMPED CONCRETE, DELINEATORS, TEMPORARY BARRICADES, ASPHALT PATHWAY, WEDGE & LEVEL, GEOTEXTILE FABRIC, GEOGRID, FIRE LANE/CURB STRIPING, RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS, PERMANENT SIGNAGE, BOLLARDS, GUARDRAIL & SIGNALIZATION!!**

Please note, M.T. Laney Company, Inc. has relied upon plans dated July 2022, pages I thru II of II, which were prepared by Charles P Johnson & Associates, Inc., to offer the following proposal for construction services for the project known as 57th Avenue Improvements. If there are other plans that should have been used instead of the ones listed above, please notify M.T. Laney Company, Inc. immediately.

Job contingent on any retainer fee withheld, to be paid not more than (60) days from the date M.T. Laney Company, Inc. ("M.T. Laney") submits its invoice for full or partial payment for any of the above work performed. M.T. Laney reserves the right to rescind this proposal at any time.

At the time this estimate was prepared, the price of liquid asphalt was very unstable. Our proposal is based on the current liquid asphalt price per the Maryland Asphalt Association, as of July 2023. However, due to this instability, the price of this job may need to be adjusted, dependent upon current market prices of liquid asphalt, as the actual work is performed.

In the event of any increases in the costs of the fuel, material, labor and/or equipment necessary to perform the work of this proposal between the date of the proposal and the date on which the work is performed, M.T. Laney shall be entitled to an adjustment of the price of this proposal to reflect such cost increases. Our proposal is based on the current fuel price per the Federal Government on Highway Diesel prices ([www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/](http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/)) for the Mid-Atlantic region.

We cannot guarantee overall positive water drainage where design elevations yield less than one and one half percent (<1.5%) of slope. We cannot be held responsible for damage, which occurs to the base or surface asphalt, due to heavy traffic which exceeds the design weight criteria for the paving section and/or after a successful county or private inspection has been approved on this job.

This proposal is based on information given to our estimator and reflects our price to perform the work specified. Specifically excluded are survey layout, signalization, signage, excavation, water, sewer and storm drain, undercutting and refill of unsuitable sub grade, utility or inlet adjustments, erosion and sediment control measures, testing, damage from acts of God, permits, and heavy cleaning, other than power brooming and all other work not included in the Scope of Work Details above. Any additions, changes or unforeseen circumstances will incur additional cost.

In the event the Customer accepts this proposal, but requires M.T. Laney to execute a separate written contract, M.T. Laney will only execute a mutually acceptable separate written contract. The Customer agrees that the separate written contract will be subject to M.T. Laney's standard terms and conditions, and this proposal and M.T. Laney's standard terms and conditions will be incorporated by reference into and become a part of the separate written contract. If a separate written contract is required, and the terms of the separate written contract conflict in any way with the terms of this proposal or M.T. Laney's standard terms and conditions, the terms of this proposal and M.T. Laney's standard terms and conditions shall prevail over the terms of the separate written contract. This proposal is valid (30) days from proposal date at which time it will become subject to change.

Any signature by any employee of the Customer on an extra work order shall be deemed to be binding on the Customer for purposes of M.T. Laney entitlement to reimbursement for the extra work. M.T. Laney's inability to obtain a signature on its extra work order shall not preclude M.T. Laney from seeking additional compensation for the work reflected in the extra work order.

This price is quoted on the understanding that payment will be made not later than thirty (30) days from the invoice date, upon completion of each phase of work. Interest rate of 1.75% per month will accrue after that time. If suit or alternative dispute resolution proceedings are brought by M.T. Laney for recovery of any payment due under this proposal, the Customer agrees to pay M.T. Laney all costs incurred by M.T. Laney in connection with the recovery of such payment, including reasonable attorney fees, whether or not the suit or alternative dispute resolution proceeds to judgment.



Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal for this work. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travis E. Miller  
Chief Estimator  
M T LANEY COMPANY, INC.

**This Proposal is valid for (30) days from the date set forth above and shall be automatically rescinded if the Customer does not sign and return this Proposal within such time frame. In the event this Proposal is not signed by the Customer, and the Customer directs M.T. Laney Company, Inc. to proceed with the work set forth herein (verbally or otherwise), and if M.T. Laney Company, Inc. elects to proceed with the work in response to Customer's directive, the Customer's directive to proceed with the work shall be deemed an acceptance of all the terms set forth in this Proposal, and Customer agrees that the terms in this Proposal are binding and enforceable, notwithstanding the absence of a signature.**

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## PROPOSAL



**BELTWAY**  
PAVING COMPANY

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**P.O. BOX 699  
WALDORF, MD 20604  
WWW.BELTWAYPAVING.COM**

**TOLL FREE: 800.660.1096  
TELEPHONE: 301.843.6771  
FAX: 301.932.5706**

NAME:	Town of Bladensburg	240-216-8974	DATE:	6-3-23
ADDRESS:	4229 Edmonston Road		JOB NAME:	Street Repairs
CITY, ST. ZIP:	Bladensburg, Md. 20710		JOB LOCATION:	Same
CONTACT:	Purnell Hall	EMAIL: phall@bladensburg.net	PROPOSAL#:	23-989

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### Our Proposed Scope of Work Includes:

#### Repaving of 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.:

- Mill out existing asphalt to a 2" depth as needed.
- Clean and tack coat existing asphalt.
- Install 2" of Hot Mix Surface Asphalt (**TYPE 9.5MM 70-22**).

Total: 11,372sq.yds.

Total: \$266,480.00

**PLEASE NOTE:**

DUE TO THE VOLATILE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PRICE OF LIQUID ASPHALT, PRICES ARE VALID FOR (30) DAYS AND MAY ALSO BE REVISED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF EACH MONTH WHEN THE MD. ASPHALT INDEX IS POSTED.

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## Notes & Exclusions:

- \* All permits, bonds, testing, engineering, and inspections by others.
- \* This proposal is based on one mobilizations; additional mobilizations will be invoiced by @ \$3500 each.
- \* **Beltway Paving** CANNOT be responsible for ponding water where the rate of fall is less than 2%.
- \* Due to existing grades and conditions, **Beltway Paving** CANNOT warrantee against storm water standing in some areas.
- \* Existing sub-base must be 95% compacted. approved gravel material.
- \* Existing sub-base must be 2/10 of 1'. Plus or minus in stations not greater than 10' in length.
- \* All cut sheets, offset stakes and stakeout by others.
- \* Price EXCLUDES undercutting. should undercutting be required. **Beltway Paving** will undercut and refill with rc6 for the price of \$95per ton.
- \* All excavated material will be hauled offsite.
- \* Work performed shall NOT exceed what is stated in "Scope of Work".
- \* All tenant notification and vehicle towing by others.
- \* **Beltway Paving** will NOT warrantee the base paving should it be exposed to construction traffic.
- \* This proposal EXCLUDES fill material/haul off for fine grading purposes.
- \* Price is based on the posted price of liquid asphalt at \$612.50 per ton. Proposal price will change if there is a significant increase.
- \* In the event this matter is referred to an attorney for collections, there will be additional charges of all costs for collections including attorney's fees, court costs, and interest.
- \* All overdue invoices are subject to a 1 ½% interest charge.

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We propose to furnish material and labor-complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of **\$266,480.00**

**Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and 00/100**

Payment made as follows:

**Due upon completion.**

Estimator: **David Norwood**

Authorized Signature

*Christine Williams*

If you have any questions, please contact the estimator named above.

Title: President

You are authorizing work specified: Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_  
Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions  
are satisfactory and are hereby accepted This proposal maybe withdrawn  
by us within **Fifteen (15)** days.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Residential  
Commercial  
Industrial

# PROPOSAL



## BELTWAY

**STRIPING & TRAFFIC CONTROL, INC.**

11805 Pika Drive  
Waldorf, MD 20602  
Office (301) 250-1300

7/7/2023

Proposal #

2023-0347

**Customer**

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
4229 EDMONSTON RD  
BLADENSBURG, MD 20710

**Estimator Contact Info**

sydni@beltwaypaving.biz

Sydni Mobile 240-585-1318

**Job Name**

57TH AVENUE

Item	Description	Qty
SCOPE	SCOPE OF WORK FOR 57TH AVENUE BLADENSBURG, MD (32 MILES / 45 MINUTES)  PAVEMENT MARKINGS  UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL WORK WILL BE SCHEDULED AND COMPLETED DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS (MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM)	
TAKE OFF CITED	NOTE   TAKE OFF CITED FROM "GOOGLE EARTH"	
THERMOPLASTIC ALKYD	NOTE   PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO BE APPLIED WITH TYPE B, CLASS I EXTRUDED THERMOPLASTIC ALKYD MATERIAL.	
PREFORMED THERMOPLAS...	NOTE   LEGEND AND SYMBOL PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO BE HEAT APPLIED PREFORMED (90-125 MIL) THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL.	
THERMO TRUCK MOBILIZA...	> MOBILIZATION FOR THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING MELTER TRUCK & (4) TECHNICIANS CREW TO SITE   EQUIPMENT / LABOR / TRAVEL	2
TRAFFIC CONTROL	> SET UP AND DIRECT TEMPORARY CHANGE IN FLOW OF TRAFFIC AS NEEDED FOR STRIPING ONLY.	2
THERMO 5"IN. LINE	> PROVIDE & INSTALL (90MIL) EXTRUDED THERMOPLASTIC 5"IN. LINE - WHITE (EDGELINES & LANE DIVIDER QTY IN LF.)	2,300
THERMO 5"IN. LINE	> PROVIDE & INSTALL (90MIL) EXTRUDED THERMOPLASTIC 5"IN. LINE - YELLOW (DOUBLE YELLOW CENTERLINE QTY IN LF.)	4,400
THERMO 12"IN. LINE	> PROVIDE & INSTALL (90MIL) EXTRUDED THERMOPLASTIC 12"IN. LINE - WHITE (CROSSWALKS QTY IN LF.)	365
THERMO 24"IN. LINE	> PROVIDE & INSTALL (90MIL) EXTRUDED THERMOPLASTIC 24"IN. LINE - WHITE (CROSSWALKS & STOP BARS QTY IN LF.)	546

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Christine Williams



Residential  
Commercial  
Industrial

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BLADENSBURG, MD 20710

**Estimator Contact Info**

sydni@beltwaypaving.biz

Sydni Mobile 240-585-1318

**Job Name**

57TH AVENUE

Item	Description	Qty
THERMO H/A 8'FT LEFT AR...	> PROVIDE & INSTALL (90MIL) PREFORMED HEAT APPLIED THERMOPLASTIC 8'FT. "LEFT" ARROW	2
THERMO H/A ONLY - (8')	> PROVIDE & INSTALL (90MIL) PREFORMED HEAT APPLIED THERMOPLASTIC 8'FT. "ONLY"	1
ADD ALTERNATE	> ADD ALTERNATE TO BASE PRICE FOR CURB PAINT (+\$2,000.00)	
EXCLUSIONS	NOTE   *** EXCLUDES ANY OTHER WORK TO BE COMPLETED, MATERIALS TO BE USED, OR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED, NOT LISTED. ***	
VALIDITY	NOTE   THIS PROPOSAL IS VALID FOR (90) DAYS.	

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**Total**

\$19,195.00

Customer Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized by: Christine Williams



## PRONTO PAVING, INC.

4512 Buchanan Street • Hyattsville, MD 20781-2230

Cell: (240) 882-5785    Office: (301) 277-6126

Fax: (301) 277-0326    Email: [prontopaving1@gmail.com](mailto:prontopaving1@gmail.com)

MBE / DBE / SBE / PG Certification

**A Proposal to:**  
**Town of Bladensburg**  
**Attention: Purnell Hall**

Presented on  
07/03/2023



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July 3, 2023

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## PROPOSAL

Proposal Submitted to:

**Town of Bladensburg**

4229 Edmonston Rd

Bladensburg, MD 20710

Office Phone: (301) 927-7048

Fax Number: (301) 927-5257

Attention: Purnell Hall

Cell Phone: (301) 792-0134

Email: [Phall@bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:Phall@bladensburgmd.gov)

Job Location:

57<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Bladensburg, MD 20710

**57<sup>th</sup> Bladensburg Ave**

❖ **New Full-Depth Asphalt Install**

- Provide and install 2" of Asphalt Surface 9.5 mm (PG 70-22) approximately in an area of 102,594 Sq. Ft.
- Provide and install Tack Coat.
- Remove and replace Concrete curb 3500 PSI approximately in an area of 45 LF.
- This price includes 6 days of Traffic Control (Includes 3 Flaggers, 60 cones, 2 signs. Does not include Traffic Control Plan).
- This price includes 3 Mobilizations (Unused Mobilizations will be credited back to the GC).
- Cleanup of the work area upon completion.
- Exclusions Apply—This price excludes Concrete.

**TOTAL: \$279,695.00**

❖ **Pavement Paint Marking and Striping (On Asphalt only)**

- Parking, Hashing, and Lane Lines (5" in White Thermoplastic)
- Double Center Lines (5" in Yellow Thermoplastic)
- 4 EA - Stop Bars (24" lines in White Thermoplastic)
- 3 EA - Crosswalks (24" Bars with 6" borders in White Thermoplastic)
- 1 EA - Crosswalk (12" borders in White Thermoplastic)
- 3 EA - Directional Arrows: Turn (White Thermoplastic)
- 1 EA - Directional Arrows: Straight (White Thermoplastic)
- 1 EA - "ONLY" (8 Letters, White Thermoplastic)
- This price includes 3 Mobilizations (Unused Mobilizations will be credited back to the GC).
- Cleanup of the work area upon completion.
- Exclusions Apply—This price excludes Concrete.

**TOTAL: \$32,000.00**



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## ❖ Clarifications:

- Any extra mobilization will be an additional charge.
- The price does not include any special Mix
- Wage Salary Scale is not included.
- Proposal reflects what is highlighted on attached scope.
- It is The Prime Contractor or the Owner's responsibility to take note of all the inclusions/exclusions.
- The price does not include concrete Base.
- The proposal price is valid for 3 months.

## ➤ **Inclusions:**

- ✦ Pronto Paving is a Company accredited with Maryland License to perform asphalt work, labor, material, equipment's, Liability, Umbrella and Workman's Compensation Insurance.
- ✦ The prices in the proposal are based on the Wage Scale received by the Prime Contractor where applicable.
- ✦ The Subcontractor shall remove all debris and leave the area of work in a clean condition.
- ✦ The proposal price is valid for 3 Months.

## ➤ **Exclusions:**

- ✦ The proposal price excludes Weekend Days, Night Work, Demolition, Excavation, First Source Employment program, Metal Signs and Bollard pipe, Any type of Fabric, Traffic Control Plan, Wage Scale Salary DC, MD, VA, and Unlimited Mobilizations.
- ✦ The proposal price excludes any concrete or brick pavers work, Plumbing work, and Thermoplastic paint.
- ✦ The proposal price excludes Permits, Licenses, Shop Drawings, Performance Bond, Bid Bond, Payment Bond, Maintenance Bond, Pollution Insurance, engineering, testing, sub-base stabilization, and drainage on areas with less than 2% grade.
- ✦ The proposal price does not cover any tests or expenses in the case of contaminated dirt or obstructions that are found underground during the excavation or demolition process.

## ➤ **Responsibilities:**

- ✦ All work shall be in accordance with specifications.
- ✦ The Client is responsible for timely notifying the Subcontractor of any alterations or deviations in the project (must be in writing), which could involve extra costs over the proposed price.
- ✦ The Client is responsible for removal of all vehicles and/or obstructions from the project area by 7:00 AM EST on the scheduled workdays.



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### ➤ **Warranty:**

- ✦ The scope of work has a one (1) year warranty, which covers only the work performed by Pronto Paving Inc, it does not include problems due to natural disasters and/or vandalism.
- ✦ The warranty does not cover any future problems that may arise due to the work area not being compacted correctly, this includes the soil and the stone.
- ✦ The Warranty does not cover damages caused by impact or exposure to or from any foreign substance, or other mistreatment of paved surface such as but not limited to: Motorcycle stands, dumpsters, Jacks, kick stands and even things like lawn chairs. Oil or Gasoline spills that damage asphalt is not covered under any warranty.
- ✦ Acts of nature that can cause damage to your pavement are not covered under this warranty. Examples: Ground movement, drought, or compaction of earth's soil root systems of surrounding landscapes (this includes all vegetation), oxidation though ultraviolet rays, and ground water under pavement causing undue moisture of pavement base.
- ✦ Scope of Warranty/Guarantee furnished material and labor for above referenced trade(s) work performed. We hereby guarantee that the above work has been done in strict accordance with the drawings and specifications, and that the work completed will fulfill all requirements of those specifications.
- ✦ This warranty does not include normal wear and tear, and/or product abuse. Under this warranty Pronto Paving Inc will be provided the opportunity to have one of its Representatives assess any damage identified to be caused by Pronto Paving Inc Employees and/or material installed by Pronto Paving Inc. If said damage is judged to be the fault of Pronto Paving Inc workmanship and/or material, repair or replacement of defective material will be at no cost to the Owner.





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All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All Work to be completed in a workmanlike manner, according to standard practices. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our Control.

Authorized: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL - The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. By signing this proposal, you agree that the payment must be paid in full within 30 days of the end of the work. If a different agreement is reached, write the agreement on the proposal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_





# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of the County Executive

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Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Takisha D. James  
Mayor  
Town of Bladensburg  
4229 Edmonston Road  
Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

Dear Mayor James:

Prince George's County, Maryland ("County"), a body corporate and politic, acting on behalf of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD"), is in the process of requalifying its entitlement status as an urban county to receive Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program grant funds during Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). It is the County's intent to use the grant funding, in part, to undertake eligible community development and housing activities that will primarily benefit low- to moderate income individuals and families residing in Prince George's County. If your municipality desires to assist the County's efforts to administer and/or provide approved activities pursuant to its CDBG, and where applicable HOME and Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Programs, your municipality may elect to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County that authorizes the County to include the municipality's population with that of the County's incorporated areas to increase the County's annual entitlement.

If your municipality previously entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the County and/or is interested in entering into a new Cooperation Agreement with the County, the County is required to inform you of the following:

A decision to enter into a Cooperation Agreement for the purpose of participating in the County's CDBG and, where applicable, HOME program, would be effective for the three-year period that includes Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Thereafter, participating municipalities may be eligible to receive project-financing assistance through the County's CDBG and, where applicable, HOME program that will begin July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

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Additionally, a unit of general local government may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such funds to a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Furthermore, it is important for you to understand that your decision to include your municipality's population stats for the purpose of HUD determining the County's urban county entitlement status and appropriating entitlement funds would make your municipality *ineligible to apply for entitlement funds and grants under the State CDBG program*, during the applicable Qualification Period. In addition, in becoming a part of the urban county, your municipality will automatically participate in the HOME Program and ESG Program, if the urban county receives HOME and ESG funding, respectively. Your municipality's formula allocation under the HOME Program, if any, could only be awarded to the County and your municipality could not otherwise form a HOME consortium with other units of general local government ("UGLG") in the event that the County did not receive a HOME formula allocation during the applicable Qualification Period.

As a designated UGLG, the County is further required to inform you of the options that address your municipality's right to either participate or elect not to participate as a UGLG under the County's urban county status during the Qualification Period are as follows:

1. If your municipality previously entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the County, the Cooperation Agreement **will automatically be renewed** unless your municipality notifies the County in writing, by letter, by **July 7, 2023**, of its intent to terminate the Cooperation Agreement at the end of the current qualification period (June 30, 2023).
2. If your municipality elects to be identified as a **new** participating UGLG for the County during the Qualification Period, your municipality must execute and return to the County no later than **July 7, 2023**, two (2) copies each of the enclosed Cooperation Agreement and Certification form. Furthermore, please be advised that the attached Cooperation Agreement must be authorized by your municipal governing body and executed on its behalf by you or another authorized official.

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Please return the signed Cooperation Agreement and Certification form to:

Aspasia Xypolia, Director  
**Attention:** Adedamola George, Esq., Community Services Manager  
Prince George's County  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
9200 Basil Court, Suite 500  
Largo, Maryland 20774

Or via email to: Adedamola George, Esq., Community Services Manager –  
[aogearge@co.pg.md.us](mailto:aogearge@co.pg.md.us) (copy to: Kiara Jones, [KKJones@co.pg.md.us](mailto:KKJones@co.pg.md.us)).

3. Your municipality may elect to **not** participate as one of the County's UGLGs during the Qualification Period. By choosing this option, your municipality **must** notify HUD and Prince George's County no later than **July 7, 2023**. Notification to HUD must be by letter, in writing, from you or another authorized official, and should be addressed to:

Robert Ford, Acting Field Office Director  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
District of Columbia Field Office  
820 First Street, NE., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: 202-275-6291; Fax: 202-275-6380  
Email: [Robert.J.Ford@hud.gov](mailto:Robert.J.Ford@hud.gov)

The County must also be informed of your municipality's decision not to participate by providing a copy of the notice sent to HUD to Ms. Aspasia Xypolia at the address provided above in Paragraph 2.

If your municipality does not need the consent of its governing body to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities, and thereby elects to be **excluded** as one of the County's UGLGs during the Qualification Period, your municipality **must** notify HUD and Prince George's County no later than **June 12, 2023**. Notification that your municipality elects to be excluded must be to HUD by letter, in writing, from you or another authorized official, and should be addressed to the address provided above in this Paragraph.

4. Finally, your municipality may elect to **only** participate for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 or 2025 or 2026. In any case, your municipality **must** notify HUD and Prince George's County by **July 14, 2023**, of your municipality's intentions to participate in one or more of three Fiscal Years (2024, 2025 and/or 2026) during the Qualification Period in accordance with the notification procedures outlined in Paragraph 3 above.



The Honorable Takisha D. James

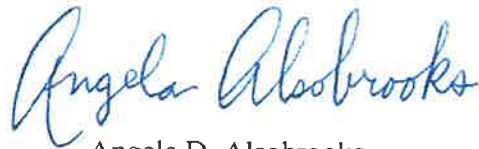
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Under this option, your municipality must return a fully executed Cooperation Agreement, Certification form and evidence of the authorization to enter into the agreement to the County by **July 7, 2023**, in time for inclusion in the County's package that includes all of the Cooperation Agreements and Certification forms to be submitted to HUD. Furthermore, please be advised that HUD will not accept Cooperation Agreements submitted after its deadline.

Failure to elect one of the four (4) options above and to provide the required notice to HUD and the County prior to the specified deadline will be interpreted by the County and HUD as ***inclusion*** and participation in the Urban County. Should you need further information or additional assistance, please feel free to contact Ms. Aspasia Xypolia, Director, DHCD at 301-883-6511.

Sincerely,



Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

Enclosures

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice: CPD-23-02 (April 10, 2023)  
Cooperation Agreement and Legal Certification  
Certification of Cooperation Agreement

## COOPERATION AGREEMENT

**THIS COOPERATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)** is entered into by and between the Town/City of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the “**Municipality**”) and **Prince George’s County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic** (hereinafter referred to as the “**County**”), on behalf of the **Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development** (hereinafter referred to as the “**DHCD**”).

**WHEREAS**, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides entitlement funds for qualified urban counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to requalify its entitlement status as an urban county to be eligible to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to administer its Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”), HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) and Emergency Solutions Grants (“ESG”) programs during the Federal Fiscal Years (“FYs”) 2024 through 2026 qualification period (“Qualification Period”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County certifies that it shall continue to follow an approved Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan as promulgated by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR 570.302 and 24 CFR Part 91 during the Qualification Period; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to enter into Cooperation Agreements with its designated units of general local government (“UGLG”) that desire HUD to include its respective population figures under the County’s urban county status for the purpose of increasing the County’s allocation of entitlement funds during the Qualification Period; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has identified the Municipality as a UGLG and the Municipality has agreed to allow the County to include its population with that of the County’s unincorporated areas to be considered part of the urban county total population used as a basis for entitlement determinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the cooperation of the County and the Municipality is essential for the successful planning and implementation of housing assistance and community development activities that shall be included within the County’s Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan (“Annual Action Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality understands that the County shall have final responsibility for selecting CDBG, HOME and ESG activities to be assisted with entitlement funds and for filing Annual Action Plans during the Qualification Period with HUD.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual obligations set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County and the Municipality agree to cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking, community renewal and low-income housing assistance activities. The Municipality further agrees to cooperate in the use of its powers to assist with the County's efforts to carry out essential activities in accordance with County's CDBG and, where applicable HOME and ESG Programs.
2. The County shall have the final responsibility for selecting CDBG and, where applicable, HOME and ESG activities that will be funded from annual CDBG allocations during the Federal FYs 2024 through 2026 ("Qualification Period") and any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds.
3. The County shall be responsible for submitting the County's Consolidated and Annual Action Plans to HUD for approval.
4. To the extent applicable, the County and the Municipality shall take actions necessary to assure compliance with Prince George's County's urban county certification requirements set forth in Section 104(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and other applicable laws.
5. The Municipality shall affirmatively further, to the extent applicable, fair housing actions within its jurisdiction, and not impede the County's actions to comply with its fair housing certification.
6. The Municipality has adopted and shall continue to enforce a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the Municipality's jurisdiction.
7. The Municipality must inform the County of any program income generated by and submitted to the Municipality in accordance with its expenditure and/or sub-award of CDBG funds. Any such program income must be paid to the County unless specifically authorized by the County for use in association with the financial requirements of other projects previously approved by the County. Any program income the Municipality is authorized to retain may only be used for eligible activities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Sub-recipient Agreement and the applicable CDBG laws and regulations.
8. The Municipality shall not sell, trade or otherwise transfer all or any portion of any grant funds to another unit of general local government ("UGLG"), metropolitan city, urban county, Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations. The Municipality further agrees to use grant funds, if any,

for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

9. The County has the responsibility for monitoring and reporting to HUD on the use of any program income thereby requiring appropriate recordkeeping and reporting as may be needed for this purpose.
10. It is understood that the Municipality pursuant to 24 CFR 570.501(b), is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients. This includes the responsibility for a written agreement ("Sub-recipient Agreement") as set forth in 24 CFR 570.503, for ensuring that CDBG funds are used in accordance with all program requirements, for determining the adequacy of performance under subrecipient agreements and procurement contracts, and for taking appropriate action when performance problems arise. The use of any designated public agencies, subrecipients, or contractors does not relieve the municipality of this responsibility.
11. The Municipality shall be required to enter into a signed Sub-recipient Agreement with the County before any CDBG funds may be disbursed to the Municipality to undertake approved activities. This Sub-recipient Agreement shall remain in effect during and any time after the Qualification Period during which the Municipality has control over CDBG funds, including program income.
12. In the event of the close out of this Agreement or a change in the status of the Municipality, any program income that is on hand or received subsequent to the close out or change in status shall be paid to the County.
13. For real property acquired or improved in whole or in part using CDBG Funds and within the Municipality's control, the Municipality shall (A) provide the County with timely notification for any modification or change in the use of the real property from that planned at the time of acquisition or improvement including disposition; (B) reimburse the County in an amount equal to the current fair market value (less any portion thereof attributable to expenditures of non-CDBG funds) of property acquired or improved with CDBG funds that is sold or transferred for use which does not qualify under the CDBG regulations; and (C) treat as program income the revenue generated from the disposition or transfer of property prior to or subsequent to the close out, change of status or termination of this Agreement between the County and the Municipality.
14. By executing this Agreement, the Municipality understands that it may not apply for grants from appropriations under the State CDBG Program for any fiscal year during the Qualification Period in which it is participating in the County's CDBG program.
15. By executing this Agreement, the Municipality understands that it may not participate in a HOME consortium except through the County, regardless of whether the County receives a HOME formula allocation. The Municipality

further understands that it may receive a formula allocation under the HOME Program, if any, only through the County.

16. By executing this Agreement, the Municipality understands that it may receive a formula allocation under the ESG Program only through the County, regardless of whether the County receives an ESG formula allocation.
17. This Agreement between the County and the Municipality shall automatically be renewed for participation in successive three-year Qualification Periods, unless the County or the Municipality provides written notice before the end of the County's Qualification Period that it elects not to participate in a new three-year Qualification Period. By the date specified in HUD's next CPD Notice for Urban County Qualification, the County will notify the Municipality, in writing, of its right not to participate. A copy of the County's notification shall be sent to the HUD Field Office by the date specified in the CPD Notice for Urban County Qualification.

Failure by either party to adopt any amendment to this Agreement, which must incorporate any changes necessary to meet HUD's current requirements for Cooperation Agreement, for a subsequent three-year Qualification Period and to submit the amendment to HUD as provided in the applicable CPD Notice shall void the Municipality's automatic renewal as a participating UGLG under the County's urban status.

18. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the County's CDBG and where applicable, HOME and ESG entitlement funds and program income received with respect to activities undertaken during the Qualification Period and any successive periods, as amended, are expended and the funded activities are completed. It further understood and agreed that neither the County nor the Municipality may terminate or withdraw from this Agreement while this Agreement remains in effect.
19. The recitals set forth above are herein incorporated as operative provisions of this Agreement.

**[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE NEXT PAGE.]**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties' authorized representatives signed and delivered this Cooperation Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**ATTEST:**

**FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Witness)*

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Authorized Official)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

**FOR: Prince George's County, Maryland**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Angie Rodgers  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
for Economic Development

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

**Reviewed and Approval Recommended**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aspasia Xypolia, Director  
Department of Housing & Community Development

### **LEGAL CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland ("County") certifies that the terms and provisions set forth in this Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") are fully authorized and/or not otherwise prohibited under existing State and local laws and that this Agreement provides full legal authority for the County to undertake or assist in the undertaking essential community development and housing assistance activities that may include, but are not limited to, urban renewal and public assisted housing in cooperation with designated units of local government ("UGLG").

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## CERTIFICATION OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The attached Cooperation Agreement between **Prince George's County, Maryland**, a

**body corporate and politic**, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly  
*(Town/City) (Municipality Name)*

considered and approved by majority vote of the \_\_\_\_\_ at an official  
*(Name of Municipal Governing Body)*

meeting held on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and the \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Mayor/Authorized Officer)*

was duly authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the municipality.

For: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Town/City) (Municipality Name)*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Clerk/Authorized Official)(Seal)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023



## **COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**THIS COOPERATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement")** is entered into by and between the Town/City of SLADESBURG (hereinafter referred to as the "**Municipality**") and **Prince George's County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic** (hereinafter referred to as the "**County**"), on behalf of the **Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development** (hereinafter referred to as the "**DHCD**").

**WHEREAS**, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides entitlement funds for qualified urban counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to requalify its entitlement status as an urban county to be eligible to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to administer its Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") and Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") programs during the Federal Fiscal Years ("FYs") 2021 through 2023 qualification period ("Qualification Period"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County certifies that it shall continue to follow an approved Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan as promulgated by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR 570.302 and 24 CFR Part 91 during the Qualification Period; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to enter into Cooperation Agreements with its designated units of general local government ("UGLG") that desire HUD to include its respective population figures under the County's urban county status for the purpose of increasing the County's allocation of entitlement funds during the Qualification Period; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has identified the Municipality as a UGLG and the Municipality has agreed to allow the County to include its population with that of the County's unincorporated areas to be considered part of the urban county total population used as a basis for entitlement determinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the cooperation of the County and the Municipality is essential for the successful planning and implementation of housing assistance and community development activities that shall be included within the County's Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan ("Annual Action Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality understands that the County shall have final responsibility for selecting CDBG, HOME and ESG activities to be assisted with entitlement funds and for filing Annual Action Plans during the Qualification Period with HUD.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual obligations set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County and the Municipality agree to cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking, community renewal and low-income housing assistance activities. The Municipality further agrees to cooperate in the use of its powers to assist with the County's efforts to carry out essential activities in accordance with County's CDBG and, where applicable HOME and ESG Programs.
2. The County shall have the final responsibility for selecting CDBG and, where applicable, HOME and ESG activities that will be funded from annual CDBG allocations during the Federal FYs 2021 through 2023 ("Qualification Period") and any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds.
3. The County shall be responsible for submitting the County's Consolidated and Annual Action Plans to HUD for approval.
4. To the extent applicable, the County and the Municipality shall take actions necessary to assure compliance with Prince George's County's urban county certification requirements set forth in Section 104(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and other applicable laws.
5. The Municipality shall affirmatively further, to the extent applicable, fair housing actions within its jurisdiction, and not impede the County's actions to comply with its fair housing certification.
6. The Municipality has adopted and shall continue to enforce a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the Municipality's jurisdiction.
7. The Municipality must inform the County of any program income generated by and submitted to the Municipality in accordance with its expenditure and/or sub-award of CDBG funds. Any such program income must be paid to the County unless specifically authorized by the County for use in association with the financial requirements of other projects previously approved by the County. Any program income the Municipality is authorized to retain may only be used for eligible activities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Sub-recipient Agreement and the applicable CDBG laws and regulations.
8. The Municipality shall not sell, trade or otherwise transfer all or any portion of any grant funds to another unit of general local government ("UGLG"), metropolitan city, urban county, Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations. The Municipality further agrees to use grant funds, if any,



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ATTEST:

  
(Signature of Witness)


FOR: TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

By:   
(Signature of Authorized Official)  
VITO TWELL

ACTING TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
(Title)

6/8/20  
(Date)

FOR: Prince George's County, Maryland

By:   
Angie Rodgers  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
for Economic Development

06/29/2020  
(Date)

Reviewed and Approval Recommended

  
Estella Alexander, Director  
Department of Housing & Community Development

Legal Certification

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Office of Law

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of **Housing and Community Development ("DHCD")** and the

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG (*Name of Municipality*) was duly considered and

approved by majority vote of the MAYOR & COUNCIL (*Name of*

*Municipal Governing Body*) at an official meeting on 8 day of JUNE, 2020 and the

ACTING TOWN ADMINISTRATOR (*Mayor/Authorized Officer*) was duly authorized to

execute said Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

For: TOWN  
(*Town/City*)

of BLADENSBURG  
(*Municipality Name*)

ATTEST: Cecile K. Cunningham  
(*Clerk/Authorized Official*)(*Seal*)

Date: June 9, 2020





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May 30, 2023

Richard Charnovich  
Interim Town Administrator  
Town of Bladensburg, Maryland  
Via email: [rcharnovich@bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:rcharnovich@bladensburgmd.gov)

*Subject:* Proposal to support the Town of Bladensburg with wireless facility siting issues

Dear Richard:

CTC Technology & Energy (CTC) is pleased to provide this proposal to support the Town of Bladensburg (the Town) with engineering and application process expertise related to wireless facility siting.

Since the advent of the cellular industry, CTC has provided expert advisory services on the technical, strategic, and business aspects of wireless facility siting. Our clients primarily are local governments (including Prince George's County), state agencies, public utilities, and nonprofits. CTC is independent of the industry, and not affiliated with equipment manufacturers, cable operators, wireless providers, or tower companies.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your colleagues on this important initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information about our proposal, our experience, or our expertise.

Sincerely,



Andrew Afflerbach, Ph.D., P.E.  
CEO/Chief Technology Officer

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## 1. Statement of Work

Current trends in the wireless industry mean that tower and rooftop cells will be augmented with over a million small cell antennas in public rights-of-way nationwide. Concurrently with this wave of permit applications, the FCC's 2018 preemption Order<sup>1</sup> ("In the Matter of Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment") changed the dynamic between local governments and the wireless companies by giving wireless companies low-cost, streamlined access to public property to mount wireless facilities.

To help the Town efficiently respond to applications for siting wireless facilities in the public rights-of-way—and to effectively respond to changes in the industry and the FCC's regulatory framework—we propose to perform the range of strategic and tactical tasks described below. Our statement of work encompasses a holistic approach to supporting the Town.

We will also be prepared to provide technical guidance on future amendments to the small cell ordinance—as internal or external factors require the Town to review and revise those requirements.

### Task 1: Review and recommend action on small cell wireless facility siting applications

As requested, CTC's team will provide written technical review and recommendations of small cell wireless facility siting applications submitted to the Town. Our tasks may include, but will not be limited to:

- Managing the complete application lifecycle, from initial application to recommendation
- Receiving applications, either from the Town or directly from the telecommunications service providers, for siting of small cell telecommunications facilities in the Town
- Processing applications and adding the applications to the Town's database (or developing and maintaining a database as needed)
- Managing data storage, tracking applications, and preparing on-demand analytics related to applications, using CTC's proprietary SmartSiting Portal—a database structure we have developed and deployed on behalf of other government clients in Maryland and Virginia for which we perform similar tasks (see Figure 1 for an illustration)

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84, 2018 WL 4678555, (rel. September 27, 2018) ("Order") (available online: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-18-133A1.pdf>).

Figure 1: Sample Application Fields

The screenshot displays a web application interface for managing site applications. The 'Engineering' tab is active. The main form contains the following fields:

- Stats**: Applications, Sites, Intake, Site Survey, Pre-Engineering, **Engineering**, RFI, Report
- ApplNo**: 201802-10
- SiteID**: 624
- SiteName**: Damascus VFD 13
- PropertyAddress**: [Empty]
- ColoNew/MM**: Colocation
- Days Since Receipt**: 10
- Applicant**: Joshua Schakola
- Folder Link**: Y:\Mc-Tower\Sites\624 Damasc
- Requestor**: Crystal Rowe
- Request Date**: 1/10/2018
- Complete Date**: [Redacted]
- Notes**: [Empty]

A sidebar on the right shows 'Milestone Completion Dates':

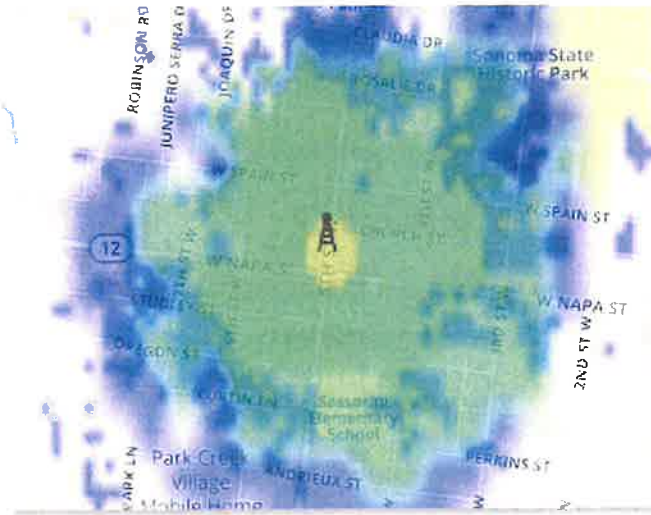
- Intake**: 1/8/2018
- Site Survey**: 1/10/2018
- Engineering**: [Empty]
- App Complete**: [Empty]
- Recmdtn Report**: [Empty]

Below the main form, there is a table of milestones:

Type	Request Date	Requestor	Complete Date	Notes
Eng_Review	1/10/2018	Crystal Rowe	[Redacted]	
Intake Review	1/8/2018	Crystal Rowe	1/8/2018	
Pre-Eng	1/8/2018	Crystal Rowe	1/9/2018	This is a co-location and a new site in our data
Site Survey	1/8/2018	Crystal Rowe	1/10/2018	
Intake Review	1/15/2018			

- Reviewing applications for completeness and accuracy—and submitting requests for additional information to applicants, as needed
- Collaborating with the agencies designated by the Town to confirm site zoning and review the zoning history for each application
- Determining whether an application should be considered “by-right” or whether it requires special zoning approval in accordance with Town law
- Performing site visits of proposed colocation or new siting locations as required (or substituting Google Earth or similar desk survey approach); conducting physical inspections of surrounding areas to determine level of community impact
- Conducting a review of radio frequency (RF) engineering elements related to the application to determine potential for interference, RF emission, or siting conflict issues
- Reviewing and providing recommendations on each application based on relevant technical standards, effects on the public rights-of-way, and potential impacts on surrounding communities
- Preparing a written report (in a format developed in collaboration with the Town) that documents our analysis and recommendations
- Discussing our technical review with Town staff and attending scheduled meetings via teleconference as needed

- Conduct post-installation inspections as needed
- In the event propagation maps are submitted, we will be prepared to review the data and include our analysis in our written technical review; we will also be prepared to assist the Town with RF coverage predictions, like the one that we prepared for a municipal client in California (see below)



### **Task 2: Provide on-call technical support related to wireless facilities**

On an as-needed basis, we will be prepared to provide technical support to Town staff on issues related to small cells and wireless facilities siting (including with technical analysis and support of zoning and planning documents).

We will be prepared to provide expert guidance to the Town on technical and land-use issues related to wireless facility siting. These tasks may include, but will not be limited to:

- Providing technical engineering support on a wide range of subjects as they emerge, including RF emission issues, projecting future small cell deployments, developing approaches to 5G and other new technologies
- Developing a cost analysis of the Town's wireless facilities permitting activities and provide guidance on application fee setting
- Working with applicants and industry to find mutually acceptable technical approaches to placing infrastructure
- Working as a liaison with potential pole owners on pole attachment issues in the Town

- Preparing and circulating documentation, presenting cases, and responding to questions from the Town and the public
- Responding to requests for information from interested parties, including, but not limited to, individual homeowners, homeowner associations, or other community organizations
- Determining which federal regulations apply and making recommendations regarding technical standards (e.g., RF emissions) and applicability to local process and authority
- Preparing an annual wireless facilities siting report to the Town as requested
- Attending public meetings as a technical resource
- Briefing Town staff and elected officials
- Facilitating dialogue with industry representatives to help continuously refine and improve the Town's application review process
- Coordinating with the Town government on issues related to small cells
- Serving as liaison between telecommunications service providers and the Town to assist in identification of sites for co-location and preparation and submission of applications for wireless facility sites
- Performing site visits to proposed antenna and new wireless facility siting locations as required (or substituting GIS or similar desk survey approach); conducting physical inspections of surrounding areas to determine level of community impact
- Providing a centralized source for private providers, the Town, and the public to obtain information regarding the Town's wireless facility siting process and the location and description of potential sites

### **Task 3: Provide technical and strategic guidance on revisions and future amendments to the Town's small cell ordinance**

We propose to review the current Town Charter language and, to the extent necessary, develop more detailed **technical standards** for wireline and wireless attachments to utility poles and streetlights. (We have provided similar support to Montgomery, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties as those governments developed zoning text amendments to address small cell



deployment issues.<sup>2</sup>) These standards will include but not be limited to sizes, clearances, mounting requirements, noise levels, powering, and emergency practices.

We will also review and assist in developing or expanding **aesthetic standards** consistent with practices in the Town, as described to us by the Town and documented in any relevant Town guidelines or requirements. We will collaborate with the Town and its counsel (internal or external) to confirm counsel's interpretation of the requirements in this regard.

These aesthetic standards may include requirements or guidance related to:

- Size of antennas, equipment boxes, and cabling
- Painting of attachments to match mounting structures
- Use of shrouds, stealth techniques, or other camouflage
- Flush-mounting of antennas
- Placement of equipment
- Consistency with the character of historic neighborhoods
- Minimum spacing between attachments

We note that our work in this task will inform our application reviews and other tasks described here.

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<sup>2</sup> See, for example: "2018 Proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA)," Montgomery County, Maryland, Government, <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/towers/zta-links.html>

## 2. CTC's Expertise

Every year, "small cell" applications inundate state and local authorities as the wireless industry "densifies" existing networks, prepares for 5G, and upgrades public safety networks. CTC provides expert, independent guidance and staffing for public agencies seeking to protect their assets and the public interest while facilitating deployment of new services.

Since 1983, CTC's wireless team has helped public agencies and utilities vet applications for thousands of towers, colocations, small cells, and distributed antenna system deployments. Our expertise includes:

- Developing best practices in wireless siting to enable efficient deployment while protecting community interests
- Defining technical standards for wireless facilities that protect public assets and public safety
- Addressing technical challenges in siting, including ADA violations, radio frequency (RF) interference, and unsightly deployment
- Developing strategies to comply with state, federal, and local requirements and zoning considerations
- Vetting applications for zoning compliance, RF coverage, interference, and colocation opportunities
- Developing local processes and standards to enable deployment while protecting public interests and property

### Evaluating and vetting wireless facility siting applications

Our engineers analyze siting applications and RF studies to evaluate the accuracy of applicant-claimed technical service objectives, the extent to which proposed wireless sites are necessary to fill gaps in coverage or capacity, and the significance of such gaps. Analysis typically includes:

- Vetting an applicant's application, including RF propagation studies or drive tests
- Identifying colocation options in the vicinity of a proposed site
- Considering options to minimize the visual or other community impact of a wireless facility, such as painting antennas to match a mounting location, requiring a stealth monopole design, or requiring that equipment meets local noise ordinances
- Visiting and reviewing sites to evaluate community impact

- Reviewing applications and requesting additional information as necessary
- Evaluating relevant reports, studies, public input, and other materials
- Presenting findings to planning departments, counsel, and elected bodies
- Preparing reports, maps, charts, documentation, or presentations to document findings and recommendations

We coordinate the wireless facility siting application and review processes for **Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties** in Maryland; **Louisa county** in Virginia; and a dozen local governments in California, including **the cities of Palo Alto, Sonoma, Arcadia, Fremont, Hillsborough, Monterey, Napa, Piedmont, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, and Palos Verdes Estates.**

### Developing technical and safety standards

Our engineers develop and help enforce technical standards to protect the public interest, public safety, public assets, and utility worker safety, including through:

- Assessing whether proposed attachments increase congestion on a sidewalk or block motorists' views of traffic
- Ensuring that proposed installations meet ADA requirements and DOT rules that allocate right-of-way space for varying uses
- Verifying adherence with pole spacing requirements and—in the case of new tall towers—standards for soil and drainage
- Confirming clearances between new equipment and roads and buildings, and proper placement of power meters and shutoff devices
- Verifying compliance with FCC rules on RF emissions and related warning signage
- Testing RF signals to ensure non-interference with public safety, city, and utility wireless operations

We have developed technical standards for small cell siting in the rights-of-way on behalf of clients that own utility poles, including **CPS Energy** (San Antonio, Texas), **Huntsville (Alabama) Utilities**, the **City of Opelika, Alabama**, and a half-dozen municipal light plants in Massachusetts.

### **Augmenting technical and administrative staff during application bursts**

Not all jurisdictions have the capacity to manage the wireless applications they receive, especially when bursts of applications appear or when the applications involve structures like light poles in addition to utility poles.

CTC's wireless engineers and analysts have provided staff augmentation services to vet and process thousands of siting applications for towers and antennas. We have delivered this on-call support to agencies as large as the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority and to small communities nationally. Our clients include numerous jurisdictions in the New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles metro areas—as well as rural localities in Massachusetts, Tennessee, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington.

We have worked with applications from AT&T, American Tower, Clearwire, Cricket, Crown Castle, ExteNet, Mobilitie, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless, and many others.

### **Developing new processes to address preemption threats or comply with preemptive laws**

In light of ongoing efforts at the state and federal levels to preempt local agency authority in wireless siting and asset use—including the FCC's Order—CTC's analysts develop strategies for technical compliance with new or potential laws that address policymakers' desire for new deployment while protecting public assets, interests, and mission-critical public infrastructure.

For example, in areas where all utilities are underground, a locality might require that boxes containing network equipment also be placed below grade. Other rules could include requiring the use of existing poles or the replacement of those poles with ones that resemble existing ones; and restricting inappropriately tall poles in residential areas. For example, we have advised a dozen California cities (including Sonoma, Palos Verdes Estates, Arcadia, Hillsborough, and Rancho Palos Verdes) on standards that minimize the visual impact of wireless facilities while improving mobile coverage.

### **Developing Smart City strategies that benefit from cellular expansion and densification**

As wireless carriers densify 5G networks with small cells, there is an opportunity for agencies to leverage new infrastructure for public purposes, such as installing public safety cameras, other kinds of sensors, and traffic controls.

In Baltimore, our engineers developed small cell policies and standards that align with Smart City goals. Our analysts developed a public-private partnership strategy for Seattle for deployment of wireless infrastructure and services. In Boulder, Colorado, and Newark, Delaware, we developed

wireless plans that leverage public fiber and provide a platform for Smart City and other public applications.

### **Advising on public safety wireless and FirstNet**

As FirstNet was rolled out, states and localities faced challenges related to vetting the adequacy of the service and developing business strategies for public safety broadband, including the degree to which FirstNet can serve public safety needs and potential migration plans.

CTC advises public entities regarding the full range of technical, business, and financial areas of interest in FirstNet. For **Delaware**, we developed an **independent baseline assessment of AT&T and Verizon network performance**, and now monitor improvements over time. In suburban New York, we developed a **plan for public safety wireless network development and operations**.

### 3. Representative Project Experience

Our engineers and analysts advise public agencies across a range of tasks related to wireless facilities siting and planning. The following are a few representative examples.

#### Prince George's County, Maryland

CTC acts as the County's Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinator—coordinating and reviewing wireless communications carriers' applications to site wireless facilities in the County and speeding deployment of services for residents while maintaining adequate public protection.

We provide a centralized source for private providers, County agencies, and the public to obtain information regarding the County's wireless siting process and the location and description of potential sites. Our ongoing tasks include:

- Providing technical engineering support to the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Committee (TTFCC);
- Providing staff to serve as the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinator;
- Advising the County on regulatory developments at the Federal Communications Commission and elsewhere, and their significance to the County;
- Providing the County with expert advice on developments in wireless technology, including new generations of distributed antenna systems, microcells, and the planning and deployment of the National Public Safety Broadband Network, FirstNet;
- Serving as liaison between communications service providers and land use agencies to assist in identification of sites for co-location, and preparation and submission of applications for tower sites;
- Receiving applications from communications service providers for siting of communications facilities;
- Processing the applications using County identification numbers and adding the applications to the database;
- Reviewing the applications for completeness and accuracy;
- Determining whether the application should be considered "by-right" or requires "special exception" in accordance with County law;



- Performing site visits of proposed tower siting locations; conducting physical inspections of surrounding areas to determine level of impact on adjacent property owners;
- Conducting review of RF engineering elements related to an application to determine potential for interference, RF emission, or siting conflict issues;
- Providing recommendations on each siting request to the TTFCC based on zoning standards, effect on land-owning agencies, colocation options, potential impact on surrounding communities, and effect on present and future public safety communications facilities and plans;
- Coordinating with other County agencies for use of public property for communications purposes;
- Staffing the TTFCC meetings, preparing and circulating documentation, presenting cases, taking minutes as needed, and responding to committee questions;
- Maintaining a database of wireless communications facilities in the County and pending applications, as well as existing structures of certain heights in all zones that could serve as potential sites for the placement of antennas or monopoles;
- Serving as a technical resource to Board of Appeals and other agencies as needed;
- Reviewing technology trends and identifying corresponding issues of importance to the TTFCC and the County;
- Responding to requests for information from interested parties, including, but not limited to, individual homeowners, homeowner associations, or other community organizations;
- Determining which Federal regulations apply and make recommendations regarding technical standards, such as RF emissions, and applicability to local process and authority; and
- Preparing the Annual Telecommunications Facilities Master Plan and the Annual TTFCC Report to the County Executive and County Council.

### City of Baltimore

We have supported the City of Baltimore on a range of projects that have positioned the City as a leader in the state in terms of small cell deployment. Our recent and ongoing engagements have included performing:

- A detailed review of existing small cell siting processes and developing related recommendations
- A cost analysis of the City's small cell siting process to support the development of a fee structure
- A predictive study of future small cell deployment across the City
- A comparative analysis of small cell and DAS permit fees in jurisdictions across the country, to support the development of a fee structure

We have also worked with the City on the design of “smart poles” and helped the City to negotiate its original agreement with Crown Castle and ExteNet.

### Montgomery County, Maryland

CTC was central to the development of Montgomery County's wireless siting process, which has been identified by the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee at the FCC and others as providing notable examples of many best practices.<sup>3</sup>

We have been the designated coordinator for the Montgomery County Telecommunications Facilities Coordinating Group (TFCG) from its inception in 1996 until today—marshaling DAS, small cell, and other wireless siting applications from filing to final action by the TFCG.

We subject each application—for antenna colocation, new facilities, or modifications to existing sites—to rigorous review. In addition to evaluating applications from a technical and regulatory standpoint, we subject each application to the high bar of its potential community impact: Is the siting necessary to meet the applicant's coverage goals? Has the applicant considered all available options for colocation rather than constructing a new mounting structure? Would a lower antenna mounting level achieve the same coverage objective? Would smaller, less noticeable antennas suffice?

In this way, we seek to balance the County's rights and regulations, the wireless industry's interest in delivering services, and the public's interest in minimizing the visual impact of wireless facilities in their neighborhoods.

We provide technical engineering support, coordinate and review carriers' applications to site transmission facilities in the County, conduct physical inspections of proposed siting locations, review applicants' RF engineering submittals, and provide recommendations on each siting request based on zoning standards, the potential visual impact of the installation, and other

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<sup>3</sup> Report on Siting Wireless Communications Committee Presented to the Federal Communications Commission, July 12, 2016, <https://transition.fcc.gov/statelocal/IAC-Report-Wireless-Tower-siting.pdf>

parameters. We also ensure the County's compliance with the FCC's "shot clock" for processing applications.

Through this 20-year commitment and collaboration, we have developed an unparalleled understanding of all aspects of wireless facilities siting in Montgomery County. And we ensure that the County is prepared for and responsive to regulatory and industry changes:

- We have drafted policies and procedures for review of applications, provided recommendations on related aspects of zoning text amendments (including a significant small cell zoning text amendment in 2018),<sup>4</sup> and informed the TFCG of changes in federal regulations governing the processing of applications to site wireless facilities in the County.
- We have overseen the transition of the County's paper-based application process to a fully online system.
- We have worked with the County and its applicants to develop mutually acceptable designs and processes.
- We advise the County on approaches to enabling robust wireless service while being as mindful as possible of the impact of new antennas in the community.

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<sup>4</sup> "2018 Proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA)," Montgomery County, Maryland, Government, <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/towers/zta-links.html>

## 4. Proposed Project Team

The following are brief descriptions of a sample of our project team; additional staff resumes are available on request.

**Andrew Afflerbach, Ph.D., P.E., Chief Technology Officer**, will be a project adviser and will oversee all technical research and analysis. Andrew advises local government clients on technical issues related to wireless facility siting in the public rights-of-way. He has written extensively on local governments' strategic options for addressing the FCC's recent wireless preemption Order,<sup>5</sup> and has submitted technical analyses to the Federal Communications Commission on issues related to small cell deployment.<sup>6</sup> He recently testified before the Maryland House of Delegates' Economic Matters Committee on pending legislation that would preempt local authority in small cell siting matters.

Andrew has planned and specified fiber optic and wireless networks for large cities, counties, and regions, and conceived and developed the super-regional interoperable fiber optic network in the National Capital Region (including the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and 22 large local communities). He is an experienced network planner who understands the business and financial implications of various network designs.

**Shawn Thompson, V.P. for Analytics and Principal Engineer**, is a recognized expert in wireless engineering, radio propagation, and issues related to wireless siting in the public rights-of-way and on private property. He manages the CTC teams that provide ongoing wireless facility application review services to Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, and Fauquier and Louisa counties in Virginia. He is also supporting the State of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on strategic planning and the development of standards for its wireless facility siting program. Shawn's expertise includes strategic approaches that local governments can take to address the FCC's preemption Order.<sup>7</sup>

Shawn performed a cost analysis of the City of Baltimore's small cell and distributed antenna system (DAS) application and review process. The analysis will assist the City in understanding the various elements of the review process, and the magnitude and relative contribution of each

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<sup>5</sup> See, for example, "Ten Strategies to Protect State and Local Property After the FCC's Small Cell Preemption Order" (<http://www.ctcnet.us/blog/ten-strategies-to-protect-state-and-local-property-after-the-fccs-small-cell-preemption-order/>) and "The Three "Ps" of Managing Small Cell Applications: Process, Process, Process" (<http://www.ctcnet.us/blog/the-three-ps-of-managing-small-cell-applications-process-process-process/>)

<sup>6</sup> See, for example, Andrew's filings related to "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment" (<http://www.ctcnet.us/publications/declaration-of-andrew-afflerbach-in-response-to-the-fccs-draft-order-accelerating-wireless-broadband-deployment-by-removing-barriers-to-infrastructure-investment/>) and the proposed T-Mobile/Sprint Merger (<http://www.ctcnet.us/publications/declaration-of-andrew-afflerbach-for-submission-to-the-fcc-in-response-to-the-proposed-t-mobile-sprint-merger/>)

<sup>7</sup> See, for example, "Documenting the True—and High—Local Administrative Costs of Small Cell Siting" (<http://www.ctcnet.us/blog/documenting-the-true-and-high-local-administrative-costs-of-small-cell-siting/>)

part. The review documents the current state for the City's planning purposes and establishes an accounting of costs if the City needs to justify the fees charged to applicants. Shawn also developed a predictive model that mapped the locations and quantities of expected small cell locations throughout the City.

Shawn has overseen the design and implementation of more than 1,000 distributed antenna systems (DAS) nationwide, and, prior to joining CTC, advised wireless carriers such as AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon Wireless on indoor coverage and capacity planning.

In a previous engagement, Shawn provided strategic and technical guidance to the City of San Antonio's Aviation Department on the design of a neutral host DAS and Wi-Fi implementation in the San Antonio International Airport. Among his other recent client engagements, Shawn developed Wi-Fi network designs for the cities of Boulder, Colorado, and Newark, Delaware, and for agencies of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Shawn led the CTC team that designed a neutral-host DAS network to enable the government of the District of Columbia to use its citywide fiber to distribute wireless signals. He then worked with the District to develop a program for installing commercial, public safety, and Wi-Fi wireless systems in its key facilities. This five-year program will improve wireless communications in 60 city-owned buildings.

Additionally, Shawn assisted the District in developing a strategy for the use of small-cell technology, in which cellular carriers use poles and rooftops owned by municipalities to increase the density of their high-speed 4G LTE networks and deliver better service. Shawn helped the District move to the forefront of cellular deployment technology by developing a plan for standardizing equipment and space utilization for hundreds of proposed tower sites. Shawn's plan will allow the District to maximize revenue, reuse sites efficiently, and maintain sites more easily. His work will also benefit the area's cellular carriers and citizens by paving the way for streamlined cooperation between the municipal government and the carriers.

In his previous role as the Associate Director of Wireless Solutions for Henkels & McCoy, Shawn oversaw the national build-out of wireless installation for Verizon, Sprint, and AT&T. In that role, Shawn also helped Verizon Wireless upgrade its DAS networks across the state of Ohio. That project included putting together a plan to evaluate existing systems; and developing a procedure and cost estimates for accomplishing the upgrades. Shawn also developed public safety DAS systems for the courthouse in Franklin County, Ohio, and Long Beach, California, as well as for other local government buildings.

**James Crane, *Project Coordinator and Principal Analyst***, will be the Town's primary contact. In his role as coordinator of CTC's wireless facility application services for Prince George's counties, James oversees the intake, tracking, and engineering review of applications; performs site visits and local zoning reviews; prepares requests for information to applicants that have submitted

incorrect or incomplete applications; writes recommendation reports for each proposed site; interfaces with applicants performing wireless siting work in the counties; attends public meetings to present recommendations; and acts as an on-call resources to County staff.

James served with the Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia for twenty five years, reaching the rank of Commander. As a project and program manager, he handled many sensitive and critical assignments, from managing the District of Columbia's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to coordinating operations with the U.S. Secret Service and State Department. He has also led many sophisticated regional communications initiatives, including as a member of the executive teams of the National Capital Region Law Enforcement Information Exchange, the Interoperability Communication Committee (2013 Chair), and the Capital Wireless Integration Network Executive Board.

**Julie Elias, *Siting Manager and Senior Analyst***, coordinates the CTC wireless siting team's review of hundreds of client applications each year and is currently the lead coordinator for Montgomery County. She creates proposals, tracks purchase orders, collects stakeholder requirements, creates and updates project schedules, identifies resources, manages the CTC team's internal workflow, assures the quality of deliverables, holds regular stakeholder status meetings, and documents ongoing improvements in our process.



## 5. Cost and Terms

CTC proposes to perform the scope of work described above on a time-and-materials basis at the request of the Town. However, at project initiation, adapting the Town's application requirements to CTC's SmartSiting Portal requires a one-time setup fee of \$2,750.

After this initial fee, we will invoice our work monthly at the following hourly rates:

Labor category	Rate
Subject Matter Expert/Expert Testimony	\$350
CTO	\$300
Director of Business Consulting	\$300
Principal Engineer/Analyst	\$275
Senior Engineer/Analyst	\$250
Staff Engineer/Analyst	\$225
Aide	\$105

Long distance travel, if any, will be invoiced at cost without markup. Local mileage will be invoiced at the IRS current standard rate per mile.

## 6. References

We invite you to contact the following references about the quality of our wireless facility engineering review and consulting services:

### **Prince George's County, Maryland**

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*Dates services provided:* 2006 to present

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Department of Public Works

Report for June, 2023



Submitted By

Purnell Hall

Public Works activities for June, 2023:

During the month of June, Public Works worked on the following activities:

1. Public Works picked up pallets of sand bags from the County facility for the residents in Bladensburg.
2. Assisted Code with abatements in the 4200 block of Kenilworth Avenue, and in the 5400 block of Tilden Road.
3. Public Works cut up and removed blown down tree limb in the 4000 block of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.



4. Mr. Hall has been working with several contractors in reference the repairs on the front retaining wall at Evergreen Cemetery.
5. Public Works assisted with filling up generator for the Police Department, also filling up the light tower that's staged in the 5300 block of Newton Street.
6. Public Works installed Reserve Handicap signs and two new poles in the 5400 block of Taylor Street.
7. Assisted Officer Harris with an electrician to install security cameras on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
8. Mr. Hall has been working with several Architectural engineers in reference pedestrian light project along 57<sup>th</sup> Street.



Measured in tons

Brush	
Building material	2.82
Condominium bulk pick up	4.41

Ground Maintenance:

The Public Works crew is committed to keeping the Town clean and beautiful and as a result we have picked up litter in the following areas of the Town.

- a. Annapolis Road Pedestrian Tunnel
- b. The Industrial Area
- c. The alley-way in between 55<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 56<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Meetings:

1. Department Head meeting

If you have leaves for pick up, please place them in yard waste bags or trash cans marked with and X for pick up on MONDAYS.



- In order for the Department of Public Works to keep the Town clean and litter free, we need a little help from our residents as well.

1. Please put trash in a trash container with the lid closed.
2. Pick up litter in front of your property. (Curb line as well)

**Help Keep Bladensburg Clean!**



