



Legislation Review

Review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Capital Budget and Program Recreation & Parks (P Class)

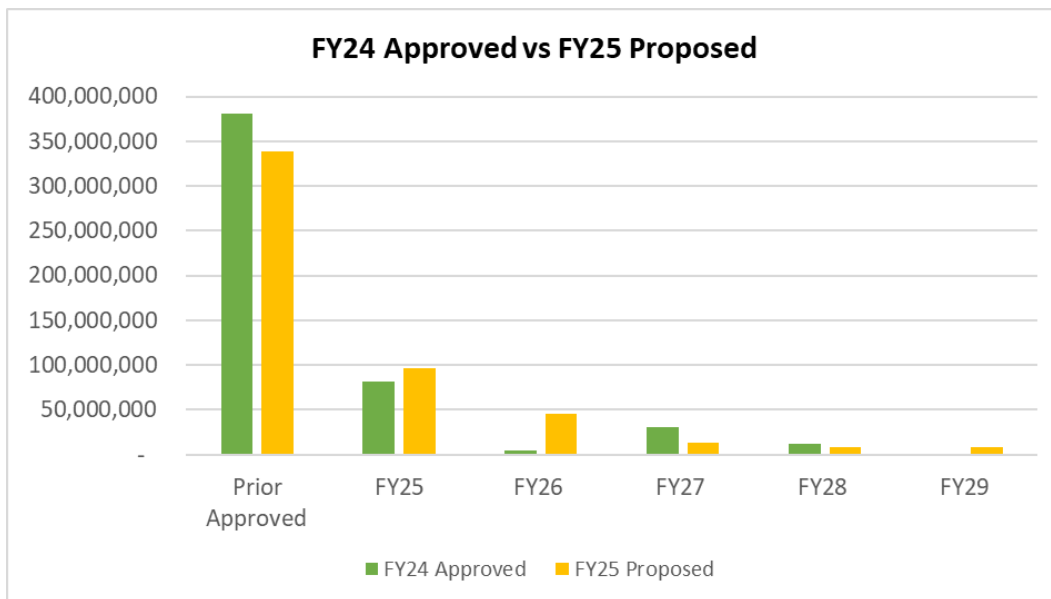
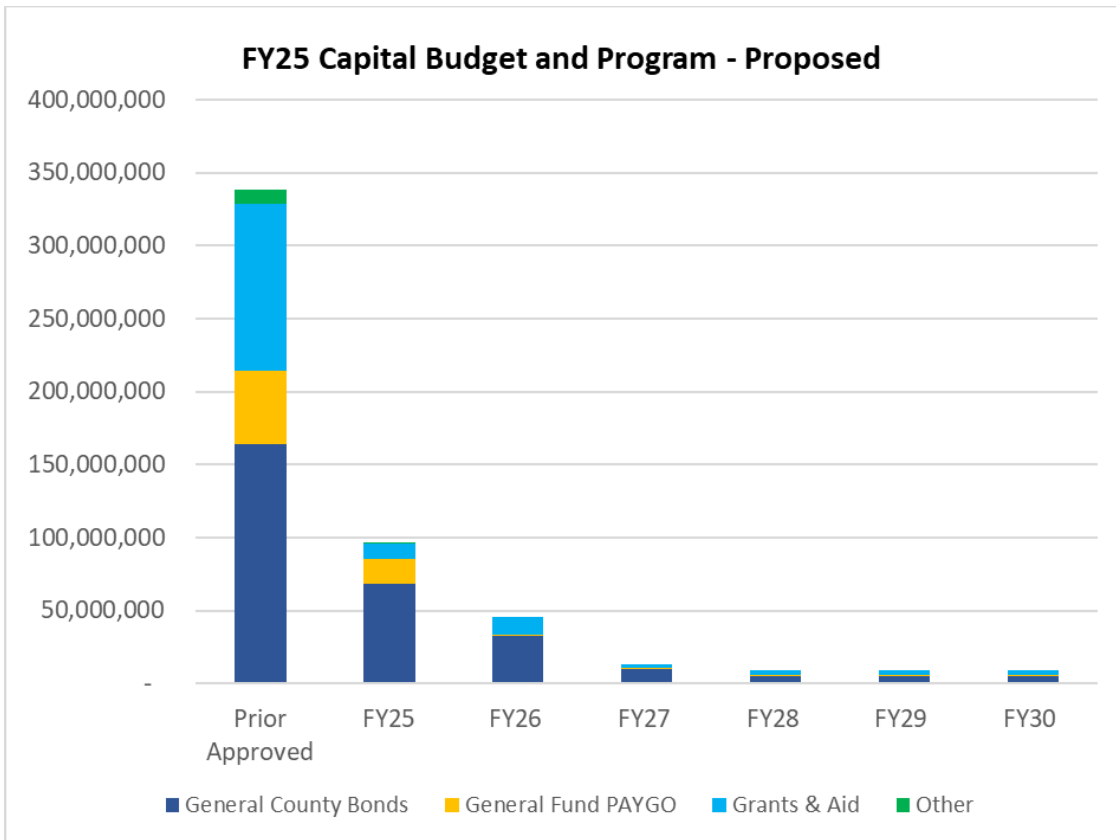
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This analysis considers all agency responses.

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Capital Budget Summary



Note: Chart data provided in the Appendix

Analysis of the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program

- The five projects receiving the largest FY25 funding amounts in the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget are:
 - \$15,926,000 for Eisenhower Golf Course (Project #P570200, p. 120 of the capital budget book),
 - \$14,192,000 for Brooklyn Park Community Center (Project #P579000, p. 126),
 - \$11,483,000 for Edgewater Reg Recr Imprv (Project #P592600, p. 135),
 - \$9,869,000 for Stream/Shoreline Erosion Ctrl (Project #P468700, p. 111), and
 - \$8,200,000 for Park Renovation (Project #P479800, p. 112).
- The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program includes 51 projects: 42 stand-alone/one-time and 9 multi-year/recurring.
- New project funding is provided for:
 - Davidsonville Rec Ctr Reno (Project #P592500, p. 134) for \$664,000 in FY25 General Fund PAYGO and \$2,439,000 in FY26 General County Bonds for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of facility and fields replacement and improvements at the Davidsonville Recreation Center.
 - Edgewater Reg Recr Imprv (Project #P592600, p. 135) for \$9,671,037 in FY25 General County Bonds, \$1,000,000 in FY25 General Fund PAYGO, and \$811,963 in FY25 POS-Development funding for design and construction activities associated with an existing building that will result in a new community center.
 - Marley Creek Regional Park (Project #P592700, p. 136) for \$676,000 in FY25 General Fund PAYGO, \$530,000 in FY26 General County Bonds, and \$4,197,000 in FY27 General County Bonds for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of a new Glen Burnie Area Regional Park.
- Significant changes in project scheduling include:
 - West County Swim Center (Project #P579900, p. 148) removal of \$18,457,000 in FY26 General County Bonds due to the lack of a finalized location.
 - Odenton Library Community Park (Project #P584400, p. 151) removal of \$3,667,000 in FY26 General County Bonds due to not acquiring the nearby section of railroad tracks for Phase 2.
- Two projects reflect allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funding, which must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026:
 - \$1,320,000 for Facility Lighting (Project #P445800, p. 108), and
 - \$1,000,000 for Brooklyn Park Community Center (Project #P579000, p. 126).

Capital Budget – Key Observations and Recommendations

1. **Project Schedule Changes – WB & A Trail (Project #P393600, p. 106)** – The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$1,457,000 in FY25 General County Bonds, \$500,000 in FY25 General Fund PAYGO, and reflects a \$266,000 decrease in FY25 Other State Grants. An alignment study is still underway and design has not begun for the Phase 4 project. We are still working with the Administration to understand the procurement timeline and related funding requirements.
2. **Inadequate Support – Facility Lighting (Project #P445800, p. 108)** – The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$1,320,000 in FY25 ARP funding and \$90,000 in FY25 General County Bonds. The proposed FY25 project list totals \$950,000, \$460,000 less than budgeted, and reflects \$450,000 for Maryland City Park and \$500,000 for Bachman Sports Complex. The proposed FY25 budget also allocates \$121,000 to a DRP pass through, which we are still working with the Administration to understand. **Therefore, we recommend deleting \$90,000 in FY25 General County Bonds and reducing FY25 ARP funding by \$249,000.**
3. **Inadequate Support – R & P Project Plan (Project #P452500, p. 109)** – The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$1,363,000 in FY25 General Fund PAYGO and \$25,000 in FY25 POS-Acquisition funding. FY25 funding is provided for seven projects including: Biannual Bridge Inspections (\$250,000), Compass Point Golf Course Needs Assessment (\$200,000), West County Parks Study (Grover Rd/Two Rivers) (\$250,000), South County Recreation Center Needs/Feasibility Study (\$250,000), and Master Planning Lake Shore Trail (\$200,000). The proposed FY25 project list totals \$1,325,000, \$63,000 less than budgeted. **Therefore, we recommend reducing FY25 General Fund PAYGO by \$63,000.**
4. **Project Schedule Changes – Stream/Shoreline Erosion Ctrl (Project #P468700, p. 111)** – The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$9,369,000 in FY25 General County Bonds, \$500,000 in FY25 General Fund PAYGO, and \$13,488,000 in FY26 General County Bonds. The child project (Project #P468719) at Quiet Waters Park has not begun design, funding is budgeted for construction in FY26, and the projected bid date is uncertain. We are still working with the Administration to understand the procurement timeline and related funding requirements.
5. **Revised Estimate - N Arundel Swim Ctr Campus Imp (Project #P570000, p. 119)**
The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$3,002,000 in FY25 General County Bonds, which includes \$1,000,000 for lighting the new facilities. This lighting estimate exceeds the most expensive FY24 lighting project budgeted in Facility Lighting (Project #P445800, p. 108), which is \$610,000 for Northeast Middle School, as well as the average FY24 project cost of \$475,000. We are still working with the Administration to understand funding requirements.

6. **Bid Under Estimate – Brooklyn Park Community Center (Project #P579000, p. 126)** – The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$11,942,000 in FY25 General County Bonds, \$1,000,000 in FY25 in General Fund PAYGO, \$1,000,000 in FY25 ARP Grant funding, and \$250,000 in FY25 Other State Grants funding. A project construction bid was \$1,200,000 less than estimated, but an unforeseen condition is requiring redesign of water services at an estimated cost of \$500,000. We are still working with the Administration to understand the procurement timeline and related funding requirements.

7. **Project Schedule Changes – South Shore Trail (Project #P372000, p. 105)** – The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program provides \$3,443,781 in FY25 General County Bonds, \$75 in FY25 POS-Acquisition funds, and \$7,144 in FY25 POS-Development funds. The project has been deferred due to property acquisition challenges, and the County may secure state Transportation Alternatives Program grant funding for the project. We are still working with the Administration to understand the procurement timeline and related funding requirements.

Appendix: Chart Data

FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program vs FY24 Approved

Funding Source	Prior Approved	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total Proposed
General County Bonds	164,253,032	68,420,273	32,843,000	9,723,000	5,222,000	5,222,000	5,222,000	126,652,273
General Fund PAYGO	49,928,524	16,806,000	500,000	646,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	19,452,000
Impact Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Aid	114,725,226	10,901,154	12,594,000	3,025,000	3,025,000	3,025,000	3,025,000	35,595,154
Other	9,789,666	499,545	-	-	-	-	-	499,545
FY25 Proposed	338,696,449	96,626,972	45,937,000	13,394,000	8,747,000	8,747,000	8,747,000	182,198,972
FY24 Approved	380,426,898	81,728,000	4,844,000	30,116,000	11,488,000	1,428,000		129,604,000