

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

**To:** Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor

**Date:** February 13, 2025

**Subject:** Auditor's Review of Legislation for the February 18, 2025 Council Meeting

Bill 7-25: Capital Budget

and Program – Forest Drive/MD 665

Intersection

Improvement and R & B Project Plan Capital

Projects

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill amends the fiscal year 2025 (FY25) Approved Budget to transfer \$400,000 in General County Bonds from the Forest Drive/MD 665 Int Imp capital project (H587400) to the R & B Project Plan capital project (H545900).

## **Review of Fiscal Impact**

The Administration's fiscal note concludes this bill has no fiscal impact since there is no increase in overall appropriation. We disagree with this assessment because, per the Legislative and Fiscal Summary, the funds removed from the Forest Drive/MD 665 Int Imp capital project will be requested as a part of the fiscal year 2026 proposed budget to restore this funding. The fiscal impact of this bill is \$400,000 in General County Bonds for a new project not previously included in the FY25 Approved Budget. Although the Legislative and Fiscal Summary indicates that this will fund a portion of the state's Interstate Development & Evaluation Program Project: I-97, US 50 to MD 32, no documentation was provided by the Administration to support this amount or explain how this funding would be utilized.