


MEMORANDUM

TO: Education & Culture [E&C] Committee  
FROM: Carolyn Chen, Legislative Analyst   
SUBJECT: **Amendments to the Recommended FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program and the FY24 Capital Budget: Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center [P722106]**  
PURPOSE: Review and make recommendations for Council consideration – vote expected.

Expected Participants: N/A

**Amendments to the Recommended FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program and the FY24 Capital Budget:** [Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center \[P722106\]](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Council Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval of FY24 CIP Amendment as submitted by the County Executive on April 18, 2023, to include State Aid designated for FY24:

- **Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center [P722106] → FY23-28 Change of +\$1,000,000 in G.O. Bonds, State Aid → allows accelerated interior buildout info FY28.**

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Culture and Recreation

The Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center project is updated to reflect \$1,000,000 in State aid, allowing us to begin build-out of the facility’s interior in FY28, earlier than previously programmed. In addition, I recommend adding \$1,056,000 in State aid to the Library Refurbishment Level of Effort project to reflect an additional \$555,600 provided to construct building and site improvements at the Long Branch Library, and \$500,000 to support the Damascus Library and Senior Center Refurbishment.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

April 18, 2023

TO: Evan Glass, President  
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Recommended FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program and the FY24 Capital Budget

I am transmitting further revisions to my recommended FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) based on our State delegation's success in securing additional State aid for critical capital budget projects and to better position key transportation projects to pursue Federal funding.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

I recommend amending the Bus Rapid Transit: MD 355 South/North, the Bus Rapid Transit: MD 355 Central, and the Bus Rapid Transit: Veirs Mill Road projects to reflect Federal grant conventions regarding cost escalations and contingencies. In addition, the Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area Improvements - Veirs Mill Road/Randolph Bicycle project is proposed to be merged into the Veirs Mill Road BRT project to maximize potential Federal funding. New State aid is added to all three BRT projects to reflect additional funding approved by the Maryland General Assembly, and State lottery proceeds dedicated to County BRT projects. Funding from the Op Lanes Maryland project is deferred while Gov. Wes Moore's Administration reevaluates the best way to proceed with addressing transportation improvements along the I-270 and I-495 corridors. In addition, I recommend adding a new Twinbrook Connector Trail project to relocate the existing Parklawn North Connector Trail from the roadway shoulder to facilitate the new BRT line on Veirs Mill Road.

Other Transportation

I recommend an amendment to create a new US 29 Streetlighting project, recognizing \$2,840,000 in additional State aid. This project will support the planning, design, installation, and energization of streetlights along US 29 between I-495 and MD 198.

I recommend an amendment to recognize additional State funds that will support a new \$1,000,000 MD198 Sidewalk Improvements project to add sidewalk connections between Dino Drive and McKnew Road. I also recommend adding \$160,000 to the Traffic Signals project to fund school beacon improvements due to newly appropriated State resources.

The Burtonsville Park and Ride Improvements project is amended to reflect an additional \$1,000,000 in State aid awarded to design and construct a shared parking garage to support FLASH service on the US 29 corridor and redevelopment of the adjacent commercial property.

Finally, newly awarded and pre-authorized State aid will facilitate a six-month construction acceleration for the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway.

The Maryland General Assembly has also provided funding to WMATA for the North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance project. MCDOT continues to work with WMATA to refine the project scope and implementation plan and to identify development partners and additional funding sources.

#### Housing and Community Development

I recommend a supplemental appropriation to create a new project funded by State aid to support the renovation and revitalization of the Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center. In all, the State has allocated \$7,000,000 for site improvements of this location. In addition, I recommend amending the Countywide Façade Easement Program to reflect \$500,000 in State aid to support White Oak neighborhood revitalization and façade improvements. These projects will assist in reactivating important community assets on the County's East side.

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#### High School Wellness Centers

I recommend amending the High School Wellness Centers project to add \$1,000,000 provided by the General Assembly to support this important work. Council shares my interest in keeping centers for our neediest students on schedule. These additional funds will be an important hedge against construction cost increases and project delays.

#### State aid for MCPS Playgrounds

An additional \$1,350,000 in State aid was awarded to Montgomery County to fund improvements for Montgomery County Public Schools playgrounds throughout the County. The

County will coordinate with MCPS to identify playground sites that MCPS will construct.

Olney Police Substation

I recommend creating a new project to support facility planning for the Olney Satellite Police Station and Community Facility serving the 4<sup>th</sup> District supported by State aid. The County will work closely with the State Delegation to secure the additional State resources needed to implement the project.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)

I am pleased to report that our partners at M-NCPPC have successfully raised non-County funds to support County parks. M-NCPPC staff will be working with County Council and Office of Management and Budget staff to program more than \$13.5 million in additional State and Federal funding in the following projects: Ballfield Initiatives; Legacy Urban Space; Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Improvements; Park Acquisitions; Park Refreshers; Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement – Local Parks; Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement – Non-Local Parks; Power Line Trail; Trails Hard Surface Renovation; and Wheaton Regional Park.

The timing of State aid in these amendments will allow a modest increase in the FY24 set-aside for general obligation bonds. I urge the Council to maintain this additional FY24 set-aside to help manage likely construction cost increases.

I want to thank all those who contributed to these projects – particularly Montgomery County’s representatives in the Maryland General Assembly. We are eager to partner with the State to provide important facilities for our residents.

Department staff is available to answer any questions as you consider these amendments as we work together to finalize the FY24 Capital and Operating Budgets.

ME: mb

Enclosure: FY23-28 Amended Biennial CIP: April Budget Amendments Summary  
Amended Project Description Forms  
General Obligation Bond Adjustment Chart

cc: Montgomery County Councilmembers  
Marlene Michaelson, Executive Director, Montgomery County Council  
Karla Silvestre, President, Montgomery County Board of Education  
Dr. Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools  
Jeffrey Zyontz, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Executive Branch Department Heads and Office Directors  
Office of Management and Budget Staff

## FY 23-28 Biennial Recommended CIP Budget Amendments Summary (\$000s) - Round 2

Project #	Project Name	Explanation of Adjustment	FY23-28 Change (\$000s)	Funding Sources
Schedule Adjustments				
P502108	Bowie Mill Road Bikeway	Accelerated based on awarded and pre-authorized State Aid.	3,675	G.O. Bonds, State Aid
P722106	Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center	Adds State Aid to accelerate some interior buildout into FY28.	1,000	G.O. Bonds, State Aid



# Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center

(P722106)

Category	Culture and Recreation	Date Last Modified	04/14/23
SubCategory	Recreation	Administering Agency	General Services
Planning Area	Kensington-Wheaton	Status	Planning Stage

	Total	Thru FY22	Rem FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
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### EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	5,075	48	52	4,325	125	1,800	600	500	650	650	650
Construction	35,250	-	-	21,250	-	-	-	-	10,500	10,750	14,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>40,325</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25,575</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>14,650</b>

### FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Current Revenue: General	175	48	52	75	75	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	39,100	-	-	24,450	-	800	600	500	11,150	11,400	14,650
Recordation Tax Premium (MCG)	50	-	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
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### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 24 Request	1,800	Year First Appropriation	FY21
Cumulative Appropriation	225	Last FY's Cost Estimate	2,150
Expenditure / Encumbrances	48		
Unencumbered Balance	177		

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for planning, site feasibility, design and construction for a new arts and cultural facility to be located in the Wheaton Arts and Entertainment District. The project is proposed to be co-located with an affordable housing project.

### ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Funds through FY23 will be used for planning, site feasibility work and initial design work. Additional funding is for design, construction and interior building fit out. State Aid will allow some interior build out to begin in FY28.

### COST CHANGE

Funds have been added for design and construction costs.

### PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

A Program of Requirements (POR) funded out of the Facility Planning: MCG project was completed in FY20. The POR specifications provide for requirements for the facility. The ultimate design and configuration of the facility will depend on the characteristics of the selected site.

### FISCAL NOTE

Funding for this project was shifted from the Facility Planning: MCG (P508768) project.

FY23 supplemental in Current Revenue: General for the amount of \$75,000. FY24 updated to include \$1,000,000 in State Aid awarded during the 2023 Maryland General Assembly Session.

### DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress. The County Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

### COORDINATION

Department of Recreation. Department of General Services.