



PBTSAC May Meeting



Updates on Recruitment, State Legislation, and Fiscal Year 2027 Budget



PBTSAC Recruitment

Current Members

No need to reapply this round if listed below

Member First Name and Initial for Last Name	Current Term Ends
Issa H.	7/31/2025
Sonia M.	7/31/2025
Tricia U.	7/31/2026

Members to Reapply

Members terms are expired and need to reapply.

Member First Name and Initial for Last Name	Current Term Ends
Chris A.	7/31/2024 (originally filled a partial term for departed Bicycle Advocate position)

Public Member Vacancies

5 public positions are vacant and need to be filled.

Member First Name and Initial for Last Name	Current Term Ends
Public 1 - Vacated by Sanjida R.	7/31/2025
Public 3	7/31/2027
Public 4	7/31/2026
Public 5	7/31/2026
Public 6	7/31/2026

Government Member Vacancies

Staff will work with departments and external agencies to get nominations.

Member First Name and Initial for Last Name	Current Term Ends
Nomination by Maryland Municipal League	7/31/2018
Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS DOT Director position currently vacant with acting director)	7/31/2026
Regional Services Centers	7/31/2025



State Legislation related to Vision Zero

Legislative Terminology

How to read the following bill summary slides

- **Abbreviations**

- **HB** = House Bill. Designates the bill was filed in the Maryland House of Delegates.
- **SB** = Senate Bill. Designates the bill was filed in the Maryland Senate.
- **MC** = Montgomery County Local Bill. The bill was reviewed by the Montgomery County Delegation and, if given a house or senate bill number, was supported by the County Delegation. The bill only affects Montgomery County.
- E&T = House Environment and Transportation Committee.
- JPR = Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

- **Bill name color code**

- Blue name = Passed to the Governor for signature or veto.
- Red name = Did not pass both houses prior to Sine Die (last day of the legislative session).

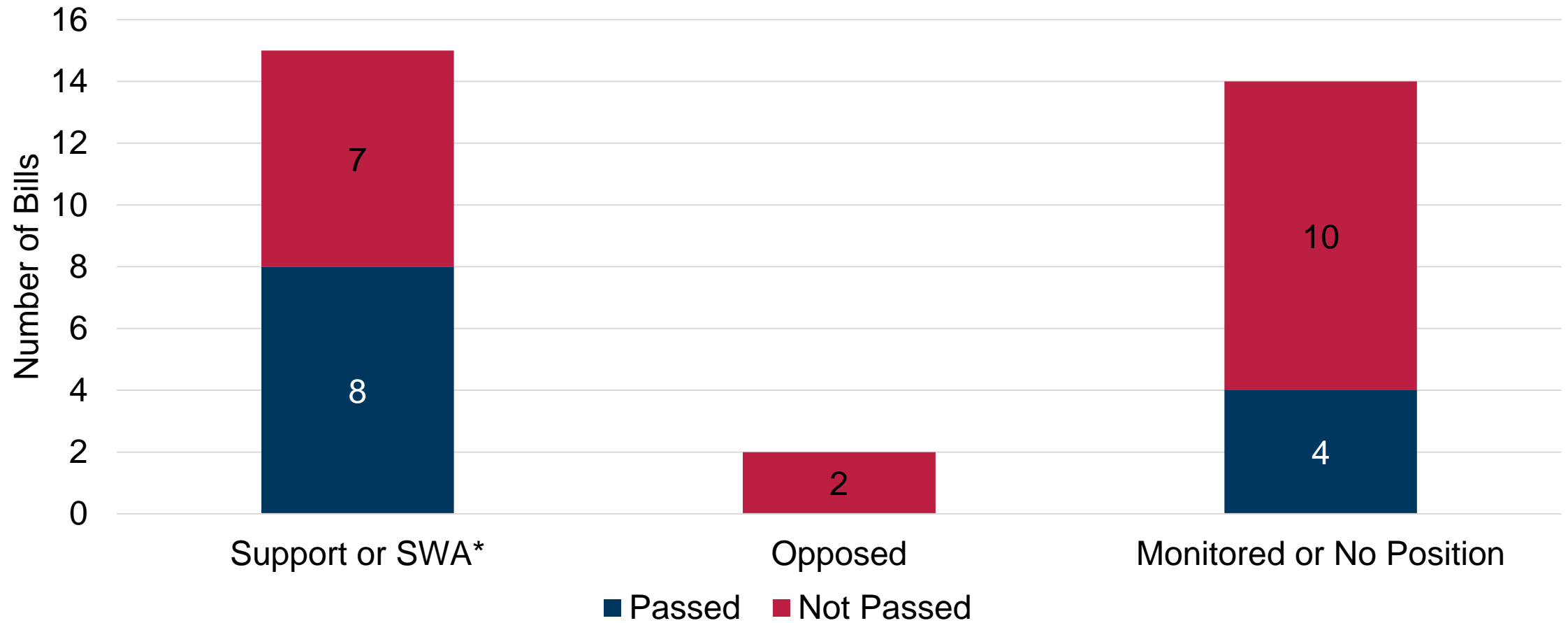
2025 Session At A Glance

The 2025 session ended Monday, April 7 and Governor's final signing session was May 20.

- **Major wins for automated enforcement**
 - Allow municipal and county police to place speed automated enforcement on High Injury Network corridors.
 - Allows MdTA Police to place speed automated enforcement on the Intercounty Connector (MD 200).
 - Allow City of Takoma Park to pilot stop sign monitoring cameras.
 - Graduated fines based on how fast driver was going over the speed limit.
- **Increased penalties for reckless, aggressive, and impaired driving**
 - Sgt. Patrick Kepp Act – 6 points for speeding in excess of 30+ MPH and added violations that can count towards the three or more offenses to qualify for aggressive driving.
 - Requiring MVA to revoke license for person convicted of impaired driving that contributes to a crash, or fails to remain at the scene of a crash, that results in the death or life-threatening injury to another person.
- **No changes for bicycle right-of-way**
 - Safety (Delaware) yield, stop-as-yield when crossing a 2 or fewer travel lanes, passed the House but received unfavorable report from the Senate's Judicial Proceedings committee.
 - Bill to allow bicyclists in the travel lane to cross when the pedestrian signal gives walk indication passed the House, but after the crossover deadline.

2025 Maryland General Assembly

Results of Vision Zero Related Bills Supported or Opposed by the County.



*SWA = Support with Amendment

Automated Enforcement Bills

Enhancing penalties and allowing speed cameras on HIN corridors.

- [SB 600](#): Allow use of stop sign automated enforcement in school zones. Amended to only allow for Cities of Takoma Park and Baltimore.
- [HB 988](#): Allow MdTA to install speed cameras on the Montgomery side of MD 200 (ICC).
- [HB 1173](#): Allow Montgomery County and municipalities with a roadway safety plan to install speed cameras on routes designated as part of the high injury network.
- [MC/PG 109-25](#): Allow WSSC Police to operate a work zone speed camera program. Bill was withdrawn by the sponsor as SHA or MCPD can provide WSSC with work zone cameras in certain areas.
- [HB 18/SB 121](#): Extend time for noise camera pilot.
- [HB 182/SB 118](#): Graduated fine schedule for automated speed enforcement based on the recorded violator's speed.
- [HB 343/SB 390](#): Allow techs to approve ATE violations in addition to sworn officers.
- [HB 348](#): Allow SHA to install speed automated enforcement on Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) corridors.
- [HB 516/SB 381](#): Create additional privacy and retention policies for automated enforcement programs.

Speed, Impaired, and Reckless Driving Bills

Increasing penalties for impairment and reckless driving. Bills allowing more flexibility for lowering posted speed limits did not pass.

Penalty Bills

- [SB 207](#): Revoke license for conviction or probation before judgement for DUI that contributes to a crash that results in the death or life-threatening injury to another person.
- [HB 189/SB 187](#): 1 year disqualification of commercial driver's license for having BAC 0.08 or greater.
- [HB 744](#): Sergeant Patrick Kepp Act - Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.
- [HB 433](#): Altering the penalties that may be imposed for reckless driving and aggressive driving to include a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both, and for a subsequent offense occurring within 3 years after a prior conviction, a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or both.

Speed Limit Setting Bills

- [HB 963](#): Allowing Montgomery County and municipalities to lower posted speed limits without a traffic investigation for roadways with set target speeds in the CSDG. The County noted to lawmakers that removing State Law required studies does not remove MUTCD requirements for studies when changing a non-statutory speed limit.
- [SB 424](#): Allowing SHA to reduce speed limits by 5 MPH without a traffic investigation on urban highways.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Bills

Enhanced penalties for drivers striking vulnerable road users.

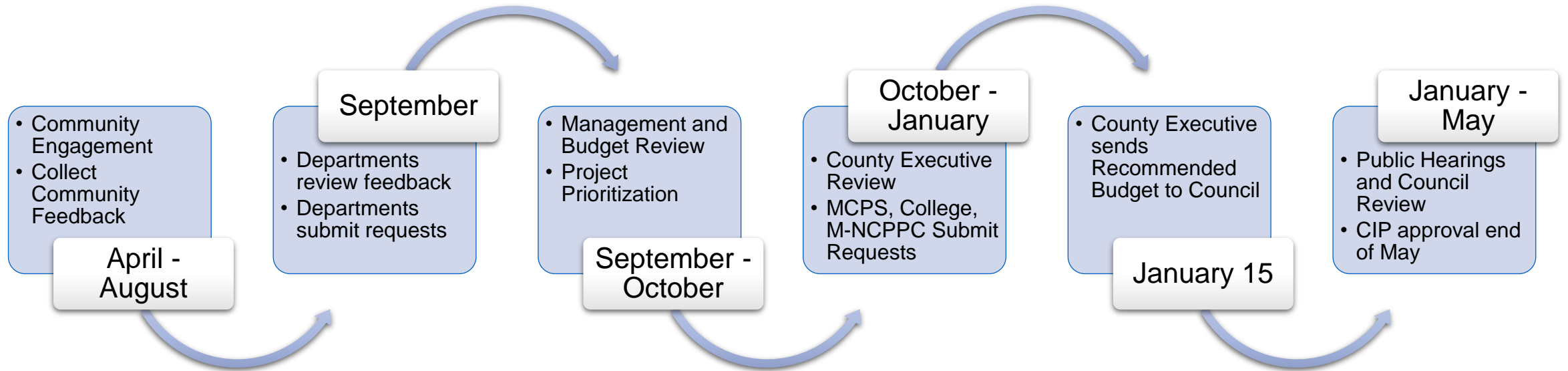
- [HB 7](#): Bicycle Stop-As-Yield law for stops signs with two or fewer approaching lanes.
- [HB 234/SB 385](#): Fine of \$2,000, imprisonment of up to 2 months, or both for causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable road user.
- [HB 178 / SB 133](#): Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path.
- [HB 422](#): Authorizing a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle at an intersection who is facing a red signal to enter the intersection to cross the highway in the direction of a pedestrian control "walk" signal; and requiring, before entering an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle to yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian lawfully using the intersection.
- [HB 628](#): Requiring the State Highway Administration to prioritize funding for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks and bicycle pathways to sidewalks and bicycle pathways that are, or are adjacent to highways that are, subject to a complete streets policy or another similar Vision Zero program. (Update 5/19: Bill vetoed by Governor).



Fiscal Year 2027-2032 Capital Budget Development

Capital Budget Process and Timeline

County Executive transmits recommended budget January 15



See [Budgeting Overview slides](#) from PBTSAC's November 2024 meeting for additional budget process details.

County Executive Capital Priorities

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Climate Change**
- **Economic Development**
- **Health/Life Safety Issues**
- **Maintenance of Core Infrastructure**
- **Public Schools Capital Needs**
- **Projects Leveraging Outside Funding**
- **Racial Equity and Social Justice**
- **Transportation**

Source: [FY27 CAB CIP Presentation](#).

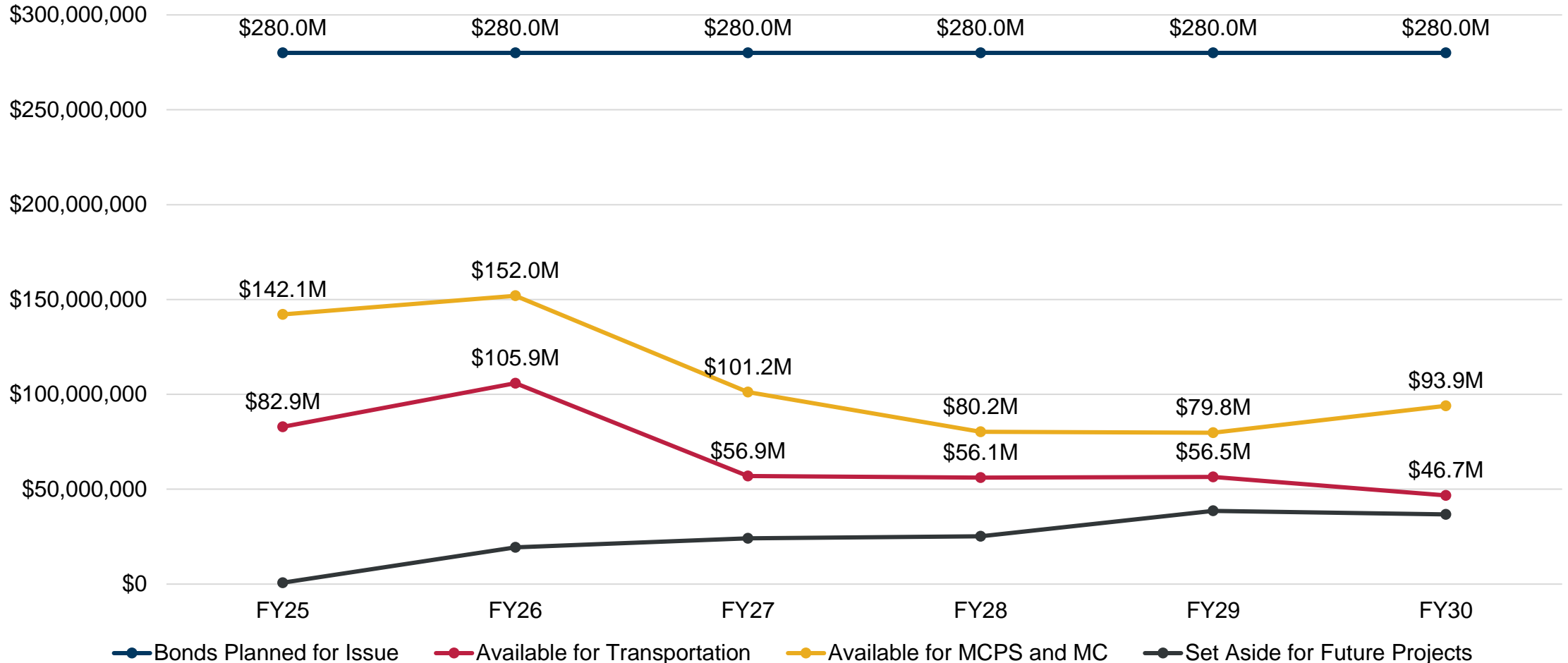
Capital Budget Challenges

- **Great need**
 - Aging infrastructure,
 - New and expanded facilities due to population changes,
 - Community expectation for new and improved infrastructure.
- **Inflation**
- **Federal funding uncertainty**
- **Volatile revenues such as impact and recordation taxes**
- **General Obligation debt limitations**

Source: [FY27 CAB CIP Presentation](#).

Future General Obligation (GO) Bond Issuance

The County Executive's Fiscal Plan shows flat GO Bond issuance through FY30. The \$280 million planned represents a continued decline since the peak of \$340 million issued in FY16.



Developing Recommendations

Options for Building Recommendations

1. **State general support or opposition** – state the project categories you want to see increased or decreased funding.
 - *Example* – support funding for sidewalks, bike lanes, and road safety audits.
2. **State support for specific projects** – state support or opposition to specific projects listed in current CIP or included in master plans but not currently funded.
 - *Example* – move forward with Bethesda and Silver Spring bike networks, sidewalk minor projects, etc. See next slide for the Planning Board's top ten ranked projects.
3. **Hybrid** – state general support areas and specific projects in that area

Example – Planning Board Priorities

The following is a list of project priorities from the Planning Board sent to the County Executive and Council.

Planning Priority Rank	Category	Project
1	Transit	MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit
2	Transit	Veirs Mill Road Bus Rapid Transit
3	Road Improvements	MD 97 (Georgia Ave) / Montgomery Hills Design Project
4	Transportation Safety	Vision Zero Projects (Countywide)
5	Pedestrian	Level-of-Effort Sidewalk Retrofit Program
6	Bikeway	Capital Crescent Trail (Woodmont Ave to Elm St Park)
7	Bikeway	Montgomery Village Ave Sidepath (Stewartown Rd to City of Gaithersburg)
8	Pedestrian	Create new CIP program to improve trail crossings
9	Transportation Safety	Aspen Hill BiPPA
10	Pedestrian	Forest Glenn Pedestrian Tunnel

Developing PBTSAC Recommendations

Where do we start?

- Read the [Planning Board's top 100 projects](#) to get an idea of the universe of projects recommended under master plans.
- Read the County's [Transportation Priority Letter](#) to MDOT Secretary.
- Review the existing [Pedestrian and Bike Projects](#) in the FY25-30 CIP.
- How well do these align with the 45 action items in the [Vision Zero 2030 Plan](#)?



Questions?