

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2023 - 21

BILL NO. 2023-10

Title of Bill: Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge, project number 52695.

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to provide supplemental expenditure authority from the existing bond proceeds and to add the Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge, project number 52695, into the FY24 Capital Budget in the amount of \$63,000.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: November 21, 2023

Public hearing scheduled on: December 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Consideration scheduled on: January 2, 2024

By: 
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by November 21, 2023 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on December 6, 2023 and December 13, 2023, a public hearing was held on December 19, 2023 and concluded on December 19, 2023.

By: 
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the 2024 Capital Improvement Program –
Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge, Project Number 52695

1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2023, the County
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2024; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held public
4 hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2024; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 6, 2023, the Budget
6 for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2024; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Section 514 of the Charter of Cecil County allows the County Council to amend the Annual
8 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance to provide funds for a Capital Project not previously appearing in the
9 Capital Budget for the fiscal year; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge, Project Number 52695 capital project was
11 previously listed and allocated \$650,000 in expenses revenue in the FY23 Capital Budget, however, additional
12 expenditure authority is required to permit award of the construction contract because construction costs
13 have risen; and

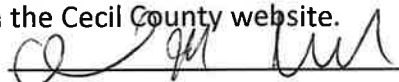
14 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is requesting supplemental expenditure authority from bond
15 proceeds, and to add back into the FY24 Capital Budget, the Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge, Project
16 Number 52695, and add the additional amount of \$63,000.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
18 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for Fiscal Year
19 2024 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation; and by amending the Capital Budget in the
20 amount of \$63,000 to add and provide additional expenditure authority within the Replacement of Wheatley
21 Road Bridge, Project Number 52695 in the FY24 Capital Project budget and add attachment 1 into the Capital
22 Budget for FY24.

23 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that this
24 Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date that it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date,
time, and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was
distributed to the press, and a copy was made available on the Cecil County website.



BY: Council Manager

BILL NO: 2023-10

Title of Bill: Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge is hereby submitted to the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

[Signature]
Council Manager

Date: January 2, 2024

BY THE COUNCIL
Read the third time.

Passed – LSD 2024-01

BY: [Signature]
Council Manager

ENROLLED

[Signature]
Council President

Date: January 2, 2024

Failed of Passage – LSD _____

SEALED WITH THE COUNTY SEAL AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE for approval this

3rd day of January, 2024 at 9:00 am/pm.
(10 business days from adoption per Charter 306)



BY: [Signature]
Council Manager

BY THE EXECUTIVE:
[Signature]
Cecil County Executive

APPROVED Date: 1-5-24

VETOED Date: _____
(10 business days from presentation per Charter 306)

BY THE COUNCIL

Bill No. 2023-10 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council becomes law on

January 2, 2024 with an effective date of March 4, 2024.
(60 calendar days after enactment unless otherwise specified per Charter 307)

BY: [Signature]
Council Manager

Project Form		Cecil County Capital Improvements Program 2024	
Agency/Department: DPW-Roads/Bridges		Project Number: 52695	
Project Title: Replacement of Bridge CE-0060 Wheatley Road over West Branch		Project Location: North East, MD	
Project Description/Status:		Priority: 3	
<p>This is a single span steel beam bridge constructed in 1966 and rehabilitated in 1989. The structure has an overall length of 32.1 feet and a clear roadway width of approximately 21.6 feet and carries a two lane roadway. The bridge is currently not load posted and carries over 400 vehicles per day. The existing concrete deck exhibits advanced deterioration, the painted steel beams have wide-spread paint failure with minor to moderate corrosion with poor structural welds, and the reinforced concrete abutments exhibit spalling and cracking. The project will replace the existing concrete deck and steel beams with a new superstructure, repair the abutment deterioration, replace the bridge railings and upgrade the approach w-beam and end treatments. Without this project, the bridge deterioration is expected to accelerate, potentially leading to posted bridge weight restrictions, and ultimately closure of the bridge, if not addressed.</p>			



EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE									
Cost Elements	Total Cost	Prior Funding	Budget Yr. FY 2024	Five Year Capital Program					Balance to Complete
				FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	
Design/Engineering	115	115							
Land Acquisition	0								
Site Work	0								
Construction	598	535	63						
Equipment/Furnishings	0								
Other	0								
Total Cost	713	650	63	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE									
	Total Cost	Prior Funding	Budget Yr. FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Balance to Complete
County Paygo	0								
County Bonds	713	650	63						
Federal	0								
State	0								
Other	0								
Total Funds	713	650	63	0	0	0	0	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT:		Financial Activity as of	6/30/2022
Estimated Annual Debt Service Cost:	0	Expended	0
Annual Operating/Maintenance Cost:	0	Encumbered	0
New Positions (FTE's):	0.0	Total	0



**CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

BILL NO. 2023-10 – Supplemental Appropriation – Amendment to the 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge

SYNOPSIS: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to provide supplemental expenditure authority from the existing bond proceeds for the Replacement of Wheatley Road Bridge, project number 52695 in the amount of \$63,000. The additional funding is needed to enable the Wheatley Road Bridge project to proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will increase the Approved FY2024 CIP Budget by \$63,000, which will be funded by the existing bond proceeds, illustrated by the attached Wheatley Road CIP Worksheet (PR# 52695, originally approved in FY2023).

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The apparent low bid for the project to replace Bridge CE0060 carrying Wheatley Road over West Branch is \$551,500. The current project balance is \$533,724.83. An additional \$17,775.17 is thus needed to be able to award the construction contract. Allocating \$63,000 from bond proceeds to the Wheatley Road Bridge project will permit award of the construction contract and provide \$45,224.83 in contingency funds to accommodate any Change Orders or other issues which may arise during construction. The \$45,224.83 in contingency funds equates to approximately 8% of the construction contract award amount, which should be sufficient for a project of this nature. If the supplemental expenditure authority is not approved, then we will be unable to award the construction contract and the project will be unable to proceed.