



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President Meffley at the request of the County Executive

BILL NO. 2019-14 – ROADS & BRIDGES CAPITAL BUDGET-TRANSFER BOND FUNDS BETWEEN CAPITAL PROJECTS – BELVIDERE ROAD CULVERT PROJECT

SYNOPSIS: A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads & Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$128,707.96 from a portion of the savings on the completed Upgrade Nottingham Roads Facility Project (\$18,353.68) and the completed Waibel Road Improvement Project (\$110,354.28) to the Replace Belvidere Road Culvert Project (\$128,707.96).

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The bill transfers \$128,707.96 of existing bond appropriation authority from projects completed under budget to the culvert replacement project on Belvidere Road.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The FY2020 Roads & Bridge Capital Improvement Program supports the replacement of a culvert on Belvidere Road. The scope approved in the FY2020 Capital Improvement Program reads as follows:

This project consists of the emergency replacement of a culvert on Belvidere Road. The existing corrugated metal culvert pipe has deteriorated and partially failed and is at risk of a complete failure, which would likely result in a slope failure and/or the failure of the road bed, thus closing the road, thus making this project urgent. The existing culvert is under 15 feet of fill on what is a very busy County road, with a fairly high volume of truck traffic. The culvert is located just north of the GE Appliance and Distribution Center and Perryville Cold Storage off of Belvidere Road.

In order to accommodate the replacement of the culvert, the road has to be closed in both directions. The closure of the road is problematic to the businesses located on Belvidere Road. In order to mediate the length of the time the road is to be closed, the project budget needs to allow for an expanded workday. The initial budget did not take the need to shorten project duration into consideration when the project scope was explained to Council during the FY2020 Roads Capital Budget work session.

The additional budget requested to accommodate a shorten project schedule **will not increase** the overall debt incurred by Cecil County. The needs of the Belvidere Road Culvert Replacement Project can be addressed with existing bond expenditure authority remaining on two completed projects that were completed on time and under budget.