

Planning Commission Meeting
March 23, 2011
Verbatim Excerpt

MARKUP ON FY 2012-2016 FAIRFAX COUNTY ADVERTISED CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) (With Future Fiscal Years to 2021)

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on March 10, 2011)

Commissioner Sargeant: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This relates to our Capital Improvement Program review, Fiscal Year 2012 to 2016. Let me begin by thanking Martha Reed with the Department of Management and Budget for the compilation of all the data for this Fiscal Year 2012 to Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Program, as well as her availability to answer any and all questions related to the CIP. The input we received during this process contributed to a solid foundation for the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. I'll also express appreciation, once again, to Martha Reed, and Cary Needham of the Department of Public Works, for their availability and input during the Planning Commission's process. In addition, we should acknowledge the representatives of various County departments and agencies who took the time to testify before the Planning Commission during the CIP public hearing on March 10th. Their testimony signals the importance of the CIP planning process and the priorities of their departments and agencies. As the CIP indicates, the County's fiscal environment remains constrained. However, that does not stop the aging of County infrastructure, or the necessary replacement of facilities such as Baileys Crossroads and Herndon Fire and Rescue Stations as well as other facilities. A constrained fiscal environment does not stop the growth experienced in the South County area, where a population increase of more than 50 percent in the past 10 years has created the need for a new police station. A constrained fiscal environment does not account for the needs of a world class public school system, where student membership has grown since - - by 11,000 since 2006, with continued growth of 2,900 students projected for the 2011 – 2012 school year. The Fiscal Year 2012 – 2016 CIP not only continues to fund projects that are underway, it also identifies significant future requirements, such as the need to replace the aging Massey Building as our Public Safety Headquarters, or the requirements associated with the Tysons Corner redevelopment plan, as well as support for the Dulles Rail Project. County Executive Tony Griffin's February 22, 2011 letter to the Board of Supervisors, which was submitted with the CIP, states the following: "The CIP provides a course for continuing to address the County's capital requirements, managing existing capital facilities, and completing important new capital projects." The Planning Commission's recommendation this evening reflects our concurrence with that assessment. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make the following motion. I would MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE ADVERTISED FAIRFAX COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2016, WITH FUTURE YEARS TO 2021, WHICH INCLUDES A BOND PROGRAM DESIGNED TO:

- CONTINUE TO FUND PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY;
- INCLUDE COUNTY BOND REFERENDA IN FALL 2012 FOR \$120 MILLION;

- INCREASE SCHOOL BOND SALES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND BEYOND FROM \$130 MILLION to \$155 MILLION PER YEAR;
- INCLUDE IN FALL 2014, \$100 MILLION FOR ROADS AND TRANSIT IN LIGHT OF THE TYSONS AREA TRANSFORMATION;
- MAINTAIN A STEADY LEVEL OF SCHOOL BOND REFERENDA AT \$240 MILLION IN FALL 2011, 2013, AND 2015;
- FUND LIMITED PAYDOWN PROGRAM FOR CRITICAL PROJECTS AND BEGIN TO ADDRESS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS;
- CONTINUE THREE-YEAR SHORT-TERM BORROWING PLAN TO ADDRESS RENEWAL BACKLOGS; AND FINALLY,
- IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT FUTURE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING A PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS TO REPLACE THE MASSEY BUILDING, REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TYSONS CORNER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND SUPPORT FOR THE DULLES RAIL PROJECT.

Commissioner de la Fe: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. de la Fe. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve the CIP for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, and with Future Years to 2021, as articulated by Mr. Sargeant, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Sargeant: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Murphy: I want to thank Mr. Sargeant who did an outstanding job in shepherding us through the CIP process again. It doesn't last very long, but it's very important. Thank all the members of the Fairfax County staff who participated in our open session information meeting we had the other night. Thank Martha Reed, and Cary Needham is here, we thank you for what you've done. Also thank the members of the CIP Committee. Job well done. Thank you very much.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Alcorn, Hall, and Harsel absent from the meeting.)

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