

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1998 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-90-1998

Chapter No. 66

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Member Estep, Bailey and Russell

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 7, 1998

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Borrowing to Finance Capital Projects for

3 Public Works and Transportation Facilities

4 For the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money upon its full
5 faith and credit at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not
6 exceeding \$57,176,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
7 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Public
8 Works and Transportation Facilities, including the acquisition of sites therefor; prescribing terms
9 and conditions upon which bonds issued pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold and other
10 incidental details with respect thereto; providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and
11 providing for such borrowing to be submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland ("County"), is hereby authorized, pursuant to
14 Section 323 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Charter"), to borrow
15 money and incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in
16 an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$57,176,000 to finance the design, construction,
17 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
18 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of, Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including
19 roads and bridges, parking lots and maintenance facilities), including the acquisition and
20 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the
21 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital

projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 1999-2004, under the following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

CIP-IDProject Name

FD 666601	Addison Road
FD 669671	Bell Station Road
FD 668092	Bridge Capital Repairs
FD 668102	Bridge Rehabilitation - Brock Bridge Road
FD 668112	Bridge Replacement - Brinkley Road
FD 668132	Bridge Replacement - Columbia Park Road
FD 668042	Bridge Replacement - Various Locations
FD 669711	Brightseat Road
FD 665611	Cherry Hill Road
FD 655241	Contee Road - Section II
FD 668605	County Revitalization and Restoration
FD 668515	Curbs and Sidewalks
FD 667463	Glenn Dale/Brandywine Facilities
FD 669721	Hil-Mar Dr./Regency Pkwy
FD 669551	Hill Road
FD 665531	Intersection Improvements
FD 666681	Oxon Hill Road
PG 660001	Parking Revitalization
FD 668525	Resurfacing & Safety Improvements
FD 666421	Ritchie Marlboro Road & I-95 Interchange
FD 666751	Ritchie Road and Forestville Road
FD 666411	Ritchie Road - Section II
FD 668585	Street Lights
FD 669581	Sound Barriers
FD 667444	Suitland Road
FD 667524	Traffic Control Signals & Systems
FD 668595	Transportation Safety Enhancements

FD 666581 Walker Mill Road

Reference to the County's capital program for the years 1999-2004 is made for purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any amended or subsequent capital program.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that any general obligation bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issue Authorization Ordinances adopted in accordance with Sections 814 and 827 of the Charter and other applicable provisions of Sections 10 and 11 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, replaced, or recodified from time to time, but the County shall sell such bonds only by solicitation of competitive bids therefor at public sale in such manner and after giving such public notice as the County Council may by ordinance determine. Such bonds may be sold for such price or prices as may be determined to be for the best interest of the County, either at, above or below the par value of any such bonds, and such bonds may be sold in conjunction with other series of bonds issued by the County in which event the notice of sale soliciting bids for the purchase of such bonds may require that the acceptance of any bid for any series of bonds be made contingent upon the acceptance of the bid or bids on all or any of the series being offered by the County for sale at the same time. When such bonds are sold in conjunction with other series of bonds, the said notice of sale may also require that consolidated bids shall be submitted on any two or more of such series of bonds.

Nothing in this Act shall in any way limit the authority provided for the refunding of County indebtedness by Section 24 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended or supplemented from time to time or by any other applicable law, and all such authority is intended to be available to the County to refund any indebtedness incurred pursuant to this Act to the maximum extent provided by such authority.

Such bonds may be issued in an amount sufficient to finance the costs of the Public Works and Transportation Facilities and the cost of issuance of the bonds. Prior to the application of the proceeds of such bonds to finance the costs of the Public Works and Transportation Facilities, the cost of issuance of such bonds for such Public Works and Transportation Facilities may be deducted from such proceeds.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the

County on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in substantially the following form:

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$57,176,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined therein.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are additional and cumulative and the bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act may be issued, notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions. This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to finance the described capital projects of the same generic class set forth in this Act. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions, including (without limitation) provisions relating to the submission of any question to the legal voters of the County which are intended only to provide fair and adequate notice to such voters and not to prescribe provisions which must be literally satisfied. This Act is not intended to provide or imply that this act or any prior act not containing a similar provision precludes the County from exercising any power or prerogative provided by this Act or any other law whether exercised solely pursuant to such other law or in conjunction with the powers provided by this Act so that, without limiting the generality of this section, the County may exercise the power to issue (i) bond anticipation notes (in anticipation of the issuance of bonds pursuant to this Act or otherwise) and grant anticipation notes pursuant to Section 12 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, replaced, or recodified from time to time, and (ii) bonds (or any related bond anticipation or other notes) authorized by Sections 14-201 to 14-214, inclusive, of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, replaced, or recodified from time to time, and in exercising such powers, the County may sell such notes or bonds at private (negotiated) sale as authorized by these or any other applicable laws.

1 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall become effective
2 immediately upon the date of the official certification of its approval by the voters at said general
3 election.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 1998.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

NOTE: CB-90-1998 WAS APPROVED AT REFERENDUM ON 11/3/98