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**POLICY ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TO: Committee of the Whole (COW)

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Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement  
CB-041-2026 Clean Corridors and Rapid Response Act of 2026

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**CB-041-2026** (*proposed by: Council Chair Oriadha*)

Committee of the Whole (COW)

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AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN CORRIDORS AND RAPID RESPONSE ACT OF 2026 for the purpose of creating a Clean Corridors and Rapid Response Program for expedited removal of illegal dumping and litter in designated areas; providing for the designation of Clean Corridors by Council resolution; and generally relating to removal of debris and litter from sidewalks and debris from roadways.

**Fiscal Summary**

**Direct Impact:**

*Expenditures:* Increased expenditures.

*Revenues:* None anticipated.

**Indirect Impact:**

Possibly mixed.

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## Legislative Summary:

CB-041-2026<sup>1</sup>, sponsored by Council Chair Oriadha, was presented on May 26, 2026, and referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW). This bill is intended to establish a Clean Corridors and Rapid Response Program withing the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) to target designated high visibility and high traffic areas for rapid clean-up. The Program will require the Department to focus on areas designated by Council resolution to immediately removal all illegal dumping, litter and other debris from the designated area, engage in proactive removal, identify and implement beautification measures in the designated area, and identify illegal dumping and litter prevention strategies in the designated area.

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## Current Law/Background:

Division 4 of the Prince George's County Code outlines requirements for the removal of debris from sidewalks and roadways. Section 23-153, currently titled *Reserved*, would be retitled as "Clean Corridors and Rapid Response Program" and outline this new program as defined in the bill allowing the County Council to set priorities for roadways to be prioritized and cleaned.

The Department is responsible for removing debris from the roadway and sidewalks. Under the current program, the Department manages litter removal, street sweeping, right-of-way median maintenance, the Clean Lots Program and in conjunction with the Department of the Environment (DoE), it handles illegal dumping in the right-of-way. Over the last year under County Executive Braveboy's administration, the agency has partnered with DoE and other agencies in executing Project Elevate and Strikeforce 311 to provide rapid response to County Executive identified debris corridors and lots. As of March 2026, approximately 862 tons of litter have been collected at a cost of \$2.2 million. The Department reported anticipating total expenses of approximately \$3.8 million for Project Elevate. In March, the Department reported that they would be requesting a supplemental of \$24.6 million related to beautification and snow and ice control.<sup>2</sup>

Through DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance (OHM), litter mitigation efforts are handled through two contracted crews operating on scheduled routes, with off scheduled responses occurring only when specific issues are reported. Crews in OHM are assigned to address illegal dumping through a different workflow, because those cases are received through the County's 311 system, while additional requests often come through the Office of the County Executive.

## Resource Personnel:

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<sup>1</sup> [Prince George's County Council - Reference No. CB-041-2026](#)

<sup>2</sup> DPW&T First Round Responses, March 23, 2026

## **Discussion/Policy Analysis:**

With each passing year and administration, County beautification has been a constant priority. With the election of the County Executive Braveboy in June 2025, the administration prioritized creating a rapid response team that has helped cut the backlog in 311 service requests and as well as shorten response times. According to an April 6, 2026 press conference at the Maplewood Apartments, the County Executive stated that when her administration commenced, there were over 28,000 unresolved 311 service requests.<sup>3</sup>

The 311 Strikeforce team has taken a team approach in tackling blighted and abandoned properties, illegal dumpsite and litter. The County Executive's goal was for government to "work at a pace that residents can see and feel". With the combined efforts of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Department of the Environment, the Revenue Authority and the Office of Community Relations as well as selected contractors, the County has been quicker to address the host of 311 concerns. Understandably, this initiative has increased costs for clean up and beautification

### *Provisions*

CB-41-2026 would create Clean Corridors for a specified period-of-time for action. Under this new program, the Department of Public Works is tasked with:

- 1.) Removing all illegal dumping, litter and other debris reported within 48 hours of the adoption of the designation resolution.
- 2.) Removing any illegal dumping, litter and other debris reported in the designated areas within 48 hours of receiving the report for the time period specified in the designation resolution.
- 3.) Engaging in proactive dumping, litter and debris removal in the designated area not less than weekly for the time period specified in the designated resolution.
- 4.) Identifying and implementing beautification measures in the designated areas; and
- 5.) Identifying illegal dumping and litter presentation strategies, including enforcement actions for the designated area.

According to the Department, time-bound mandates will require rapid deployment capabilities, tight field scheduling and dependable access to vehicles and clean-up equipment. The Bill's requirements would compress existing workflows into a more rigid and accelerated timelines, significantly reducing the department's flexibility to triage, prioritize and deploy resources across the county.

The Bill also imposes responsibilities beyond standard cleanup including beautification measures that involve landscaping, installing planters, improving streetscapes and adding signage. These requests could require substantial investment, expanding staff capacity, equipment, and contracting support. Cross-agency coordination with the police, health department, and environmental teams would be required.

### *Questions for Committee Consideration*

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<sup>3</sup> [Strikeforce 311 at Maplewood Apartment Complex Second Chance Month 4 6 26](#)

1. As the need for rapid response times for litter and illegal dumping increases, how will cost overruns be addressed? Has there been any consideration for a dedicated fund to address this ongoing concern?
2. How will the Clean Corridors and Rapid Response program mesh with the County Executive's Strikeforce 311 program and the 311 Service Response System? How will conflicts in priorities between the branches be addressed?
3. With each change in identifying Priority Corridors need it to be addressed through legislation? Is there any flexibility for the execution outside of the legislative process.
4. Is there any consideration for the dedicated team approach to address litter and illegal dumping rather than solely laying the burden on DPW&T?

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**Fiscal Impact:**

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CB-041-2026 *will* increase expenditures for the County. Since the Bill proposes Council Members sharing the authority of designating priority corridors for cleanup with the Executive branch, the number of routes and corridors and the frequency of cleanups, will lead to an increase in expenses for DPW&T. The Department *estimates* that additional costs could be approximately \$7.1-\$13.25M. These expenses would include additional support staff, contract oversight, equipment, and contract resources. Currently, the agency reports that it does not have adequate funding within its existing appropriation to realign for this effort and that supplemental funding would be needed to ensure compliance with mandated timelines.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CB-041-2026 *may* have a mixed indirect impact on the County. The outcome could be positive that by tying constituent needs within councilmanic districts more directly to the functions of the Department, constituent service response times will improve. However, the dual role of assigning priorities from both branches could result in a conflict in priorities for the Department and cause conflicted expectations for constituents.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

No.

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**Possible Policy Implementation Resource/Project Timeline:**

Milestone 1 – DPW&T Coordination with Council and County Executive for for Project Planning

- a. Define project scope
- b. Identify needs and costs for a new project workflow with in 311, Strikeforce and Council integration
- c. Identify supporting agencies/partners

Milestone 2– Plan and Prepare Project Budget/Funding Sources

Milestone 4 – Stand Up Rapid Response Team

Resources and Critical Path – Additional DPW&T staff, partners and supplemental funding.

*\*Disclaimer – This is a relative timeline based on report out from DPW&T and analyst.*

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**Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:**

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.