

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2008 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-37-2008

Chapter No. 37

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

Introduced by Council Members Dean, Bland, Harrison, Dernoga, Olson and Turner

Date of Introduction July 1, 2008

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 \$153,224,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,
7 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair
8 of Public Works and Transportation Facilities, including the acquisition of sites therefor;
9 prescribing terms and conditions upon which bonds issued pursuant to this Act shall be issued
10 and sold and other incidental details with respect thereto; providing generally for the issuance of
11 such bonds and providing for such borrowing to be submitted to a referendum of the legal voters
12 of the County.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), is hereby authorized, pursuant
15 to Section 323 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Charter"), to borrow
16 money and incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in
17 an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$153,224,000 to finance the design, construction,
18 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
19 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of, Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including
20 roads and bridges, parking lots and maintenance facilities), including the acquisition and
21 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the

1 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital
 2 projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being
 3 described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 2009-2014, under the
 4 following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

<u>CIP-ID</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
FD668052	Bridge Rehabilitation, Federal Aid
FD661011	Bridge Repair and Replacement 2
FD668202	BR-Brandywine Road
FD668182	BR-Chestnut Avenue
FD668192	BR-Livingston Road
FH661071	Bus Mass Transit/Metro Access 2
FD661081	Contee Road Reconstruction
FD661021	Curb and Road Rehabilitation 2
FD664061	Fisher Road
FD664161	Flood Prone Areas
FD669881	Governor Bridge Road
FD669851	High Bridge Road
FD669941	Livingston Road
FD664131	Lottsford Road III
FD661031	Revitalization and Beautification 2
FD661041	Street Lights and Traffic Signals 2
FD661051	Traffic Congestion Improvements 2
FD661061	Transportation Enhancements 2

24 Reference to the County's capital program for the fiscal years 2009-2014 is made for
 25 purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any
 26 amended or subsequent capital program.

27 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that any general obligation bonds to be issued
 28 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issue Authorization Ordinances
 29 adopted in accordance with Sections 323 and 823 of the Charter and other applicable provisions
 30 of Sections 10 and 11 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, replaced, or
 31 recodified from time to time, but the County shall sell such bonds only by solicitation of

1 competitive bids therefor at public sale in such manner and after giving such public notice as the
 2 County Council may by ordinance determine. Such bonds may be sold for such price or prices
 3 as may be determined to be for the best interest of the County, either at, above or below the par
 4 value of any such bonds, and such bonds may be sold in conjunction with other series of bonds
 5 issued by the County in which event the notice of sale soliciting bids for the purchase of such
 6 bonds may require that the acceptance of any bid for any series of bonds be made contingent
 7 upon the acceptance of the bid or bids on all or any of the series being offered by the County for
 8 sale at the same time. When such bonds are sold in conjunction with other series of bonds, the
 9 said notice of sale may also require that consolidated bids shall be submitted on any two or more
 10 of such series of bonds.

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

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

21 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal
 22 voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the
 23 County on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors
 24 of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in
 25 substantially the following form:

26 PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS

27 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
 28 exceeding \$153,224,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,
 29 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair
 30 of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and
 31 maintenance facilities), as defined therein.

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

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

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS ON 11/4/2008; AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON 11/18/2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/18/2008