



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.
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THRU: Josh Hamlin 
Director of Budget and Policy Analysis

FROM: Isabel Williams 
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Note
CB-044-2022 An Act Concerning Borrowing to Finance Capital Projects for Public Works and Transportation Facilities (DR-2)

CB-044-2022 (*Proposed and presented by:* The Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

AN ACT CONCERNING BORROWING TO FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION for the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money upon its full faith and credit at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$208,686,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities, including the acquisition of sites therefor; prescribing terms and conditions upon which bonds issued pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold and other incidental details with respect thereto; providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and providing for such borrowing to be submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Negative if bonds are sold.

Revenues: None.

Indirect Impact:

Potentially positive if bonds are sold.

Legislative Summary

CB-044-2022, proposed by Chair Hawkins at the request of the County Executive, was presented on May 17, 2022, and referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW).

Current Law/Background

Pursuant to Section 323 and 823 of the Charter of Prince George's County, general obligation bonds are to be sold by solicitation of competitive bids at public sale after giving public notice as the County Council may determine by Ordinance. The bonds may be sold for such prices as may be determined to be for the best of the County, either at, above, or below the par value of such bonds, and may be sold in conjunction with other County issued bonds. If sold in conjunction with other County issued bonds, the notice of sale may require that consolidated bids be submitted on any two or more of such series of bonds.

Resource Personnel

- Stanley A. Earley, Office of Management and Budget
 - Amber Hendricks, Office of Management and Budget
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Discussion/Policy Analysis

CB-044-2022 authorizes borrowing to finance Capital Projects for Public Works and Transportation Facilities, and to incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$208,686,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Public Works and Transportation, including the acquisition of sites therefore; prescribing terms and conditions upon which bonds issued pursuant

to this Act shall be issued and sold and other incidental details with respect thereto; providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and providing for such borrowing to be submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

The proposed generic project categories to be financed with these funds are shown in Section One (1) of CB-044-2022, page two (2), lines seven (7) through twenty-five (25) and are described in the County's FY 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program for Public Works and Transportation (including roads, bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities). CB-044-2022 further provides that the Act be submitted to the voters of the County for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

If the voters approve the proposed ballot question, the County will be authorized to incur additional debt in the aggregate principal amount of \$208,686,000, plus interest, on general obligation bonds or other credit instruments necessary to carry out the intent of the Act.

Fiscal Impact

Direct Impact

Enactment of CB-044-2022 will have a negative fiscal impact on the County when, and if, the bonds authorized to be issued by this Act, are sold. The impact will be contingent upon the final value of the bond issuance, the bond interest rate, and the term of the bonds over the multi-year bond term.

Indirect Impact

Enactment of CB-044-2022 may have a positive indirect fiscal impact upon the County. Leveraging the costs of infrastructure improvements allows the County to potentially increase the return of the investment and allows for greater use of revenue for immediate resource needs.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

Capital projects for which borrowing, or indebtedness will occur were appropriated within the FY 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Plan. The anticipated debt service related to the borrowing, or indebtedness, has been appropriated within the adopted FY 2023 Current Expense budget.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation

The proposed Bill shall become effective immediately upon the date of the official certification of its approval by the voters at said general election.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.