

Summary – Board Budget Policy Committee Meeting

March 13, 2018

Government Center – Conference Room 11

Committee Members Present:

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
John Cook, Braddock District
John Foust, Dranesville District
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)
Lynda Smyth, Providence District
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District
Kathy Smith, Sully District
Pat Herrity, Springfield District

Previous Meeting Agenda and Materials (February 27, 2018)

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/board-supervisors-budget-committee-february-27-2018>

March 13, 2018 Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/sites/budget/files/assets/documents/budget%20committee%20meeting/2018/mar-13/agenda.pdf>

March 13, 2018 Meeting Materials:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/sites/budget/files/assets/documents/budget%20committee%20meeting/2018/mar-13/budget-committee-fy-2019-2023-cip.pdf>

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 P.M.

After a brief introduction by Supervisor McKay, Chief Financial Officer Joe Mondoro gave a presentation on the FY 2019 – FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan, linked above.

Board Discussion:

- Supervisor Cook inquired about what opportunities there are to expand beyond the five years included in the CIP to incorporate additional needs and longer term planning. He also noted that aside from Metro, there are no transportation related bonds included in the plan. CFO Joe Mondoro provided a response indicating that other road-related bonds were originally slated for FY 2022, but were then shifted to FY 2026. He also mentioned that County Executive Bryan Hill had met with the County's financial advisers and asked them to explore options to more creatively manage the County's debt portfolio.
- *Budget Q&A: Supervisor Gross asked for an update on the status of the Willston Multi-Cultural Center and noted that it was not included in the presentation.*

- Supervisor Herrity asked for staff to provide an analysis of the ongoing General Fund impact of the projects proposed in the CIP in terms of staff and operations costs. He also inquired about potential opportunities for sports facilities that could be self-supported by revenue.
- Supervisors McKay, Herrity and Cook all expressed concern about the current state of Lake Accotink and what efforts were being made to address it. Supervisor McKay noted that this would need to be addressed sooner rather than later to avoid a potential disaster in the future.
- *Budget Q&A: Supervisor Lynda Smyth asked about the current status of proffers and how they are being used to fund school construction requirements.*
- Supervisor Foust expressed concern about the \$40 million planned for the wastewater facility and also asked about the status of the Reston Town Center North project. Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer responded that the project is still in the planning process and that he would be briefing the Board in greater detail during a future closed meeting session.
- Several Board members including Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor Storck, Supervisor Smyth, and Chairman Bulova, noted that the County needs to make more concerted efforts to plan further in advance for shared-use space both among County agencies and with FCPS. Supervisor Smyth also mentioned that the Park Authority is another opportunity for partnership and collaboration to achieve shared goals efficiencies, noting that FCPS already works closely with the Park Authority on joint initiatives.
- Chairman Bulova asked about the current status of the Massey building and the costs to take down the building. CFO Joe Mondoro responded that all funding in place to take it down, but that staff will be asking for more funding to complete the master planning process for the campus. *Budget Q&A: Chairman Bulova also asked for an explanation of the difference between EDA Bonds and General Obligation Bonds and why one project might be a good candidate for an EDA Bond while another would be a candidate for a General Obligation Bond.* The Chairman also asked CFO Mondoro if he is comfortable increasing the bond sales limit, to which he responded yes, pointing out that the County will likely not need to sell as much as has been shown on the slides.

The next meeting of the Board Budget Committee is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 4/3/18.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 P.M.