



Legislation Review

Review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Capital Budget and Program Public Safety (F Class)

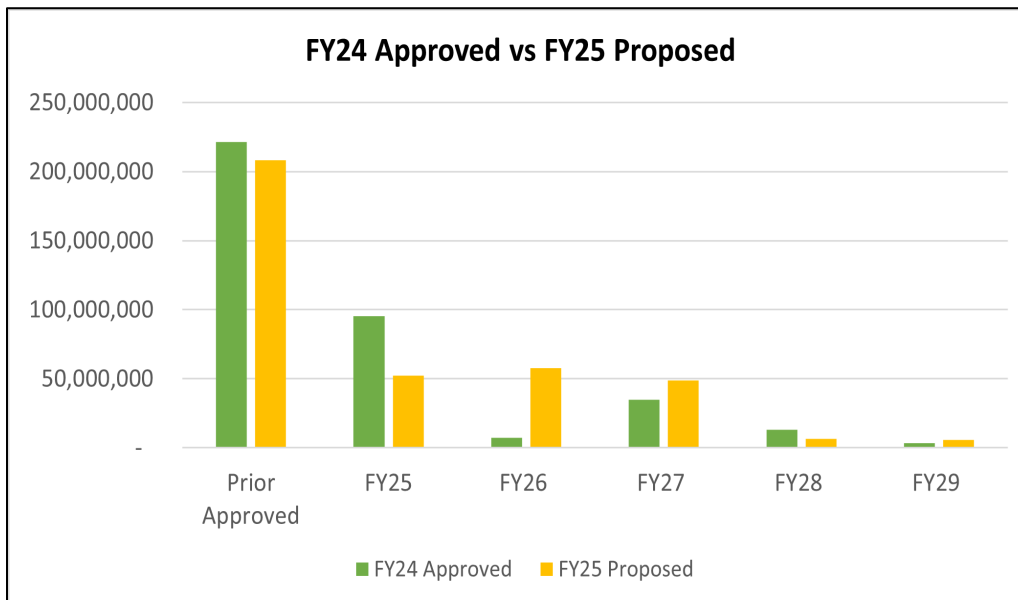
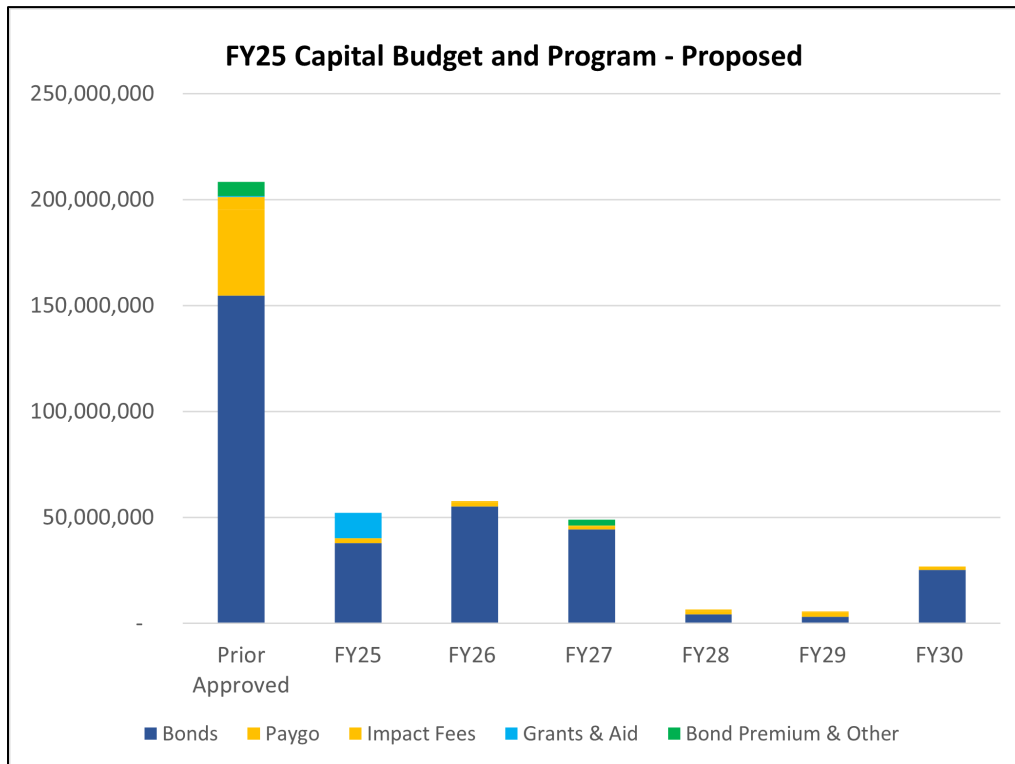
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This analysis considers all agency responses.

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Capital Budget Summary



Note: Chart data provided in the Appendix

Analysis of the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program

- The two projects receiving the largest FY25 funding amounts in the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget are:
 - \$23,626,000 for New Police Firing Range (Project #F586600, p. 83 of the capital budget book), and
 - \$23,331,000 for Joint 911 Public Safety Ctr (Project #F586400, p. 82).
- The FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program includes 33 projects: 24 stand-alone/one-time and 9 multi-year/recurring.
- There are no new projects added to the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program for Public Safety.
- There are four projects with significant project funding increases in the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program:
 - Fire Training Academy (Project #F580200, p. 74), adds \$7,266,000 of General County Bonds to the project and moves \$7,950,000 of General County Bonds to FY26 for utility installation to the site. The FY30 General County Bonds of \$7,131,000 was added for site remediation. The construction of the Fire Training Academy is beyond the six-year program and is not included in the project total.
 - Arundel Fire Station Replace. (Project #F582900, p. 77), adds \$4,728,000 of General County Bonds to the project and increases FY29 General County Bonds of \$1,811,000 for land acquisition and adds General County Bonds of \$2,917,000 in FY30 for design. The construction of the Arundel Fire Station Replace. Project is beyond the six-year program and is not included in the project total.
 - Waugh Chapel Fire Station Repl (Project #F583000, p. 78), adds \$11,454,000 of General County Bonds to the project, moves General County Bonds of \$3,255,000 for design to FY28, and adds General County Bonds of \$14,144,000 for the initial construction phase to FY30. The total construction cost of the Waugh Chapel Fire Station Repl is beyond the six-year program and is not included in the project total.
 - New Northern Dist Pol Station (Project #F589500, p. 84), adds \$16,050,000 of General County Bonds to the project for design and construction costs. The Administration has determined that the new building will be built at the current station location. Design is anticipated to begin by August 2024.
- Federal and state infrastructure funding assumptions: Joint 911 Public Safety Ctr (Project #F586400, p. 82) has FY25 Other Fed Grants funding of \$2,000,000 from the US Federal Emergency Management Agency and FY25 Other State Grants funding of \$10,000,000 as shown in the state capital budget bill.

Capital Budget – Key Observations and Recommendations

1. **Calculation Error – Police Training Academy (Project #F563000, p. 87)** – Our review disclosed calculation errors in the project cost estimates for phase 2. As a result, the Administration reduced the project budget for phase 2 by \$170,000. **Therefore, we recommend reducing prior approved General County Bonds by \$170,000.**
2. **Project Complete – New Police C.I.D. Facility (Project #F572800, p. 90)** – This project is complete and the Administration has determined that project funds can be reduced by \$90,000. **Therefore, we recommend reducing prior approved Public Safety Impact Fees by \$90,000.**
3. **Cost Estimate – Evidence & Forensic Sci Unit (Project #F575100, p. 93)** – Our review disclosed that a contract was awarded for construction (\$24,369,234); however, a higher cost estimate was used to determine the overall project cost (\$26,349,000). In addition, the project includes contingency funds of \$2,750,200. The Administration would like to retain the excess in the project for potential future changes. In light of the existing contingency provision and the existence of a contract award, we recommend reducing the project budget to the estimated cost using the contract award amount. **Therefore, we recommend reducing prior approved General County Bonds by \$2,095,000.**
4. **Project Complete – Zetron Tone Generator (Project #F580400, p. 96)** – This project is complete and the Administration has determined that project funds can be reduced by \$90,000. **Therefore, we recommend reducing prior approved General Fund PAYGO by \$90,000.**

Analysis of the FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program

Appendix: Chart Data

FY25 Proposed Capital Budget and Program vs 24 Approved

Funding Source	Prior Approved	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total Proposed
Bonds	154,587,358	37,821,000	55,164,000	44,310,000	4,278,000	3,139,000	25,117,000	169,829,000
General Fund PAYGO	40,613,935	2,358,760	1,804,760	1,315,860	1,561,860	1,922,360	1,750,000	10,713,600
Impact Fees	6,071,800	-	700,000	600,000	800,000	500,000	-	2,600,000
Grants & Aid	471,500	12,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	12,000,000
Bond Premium & Other	6,508,000	-	-	2,692,000	-	-	-	2,692,000
FY25 Proposed	208,252,593	52,179,760	57,668,760	48,917,860	6,639,860	5,561,360	26,867,000	197,834,600
FY24 Approved	221,312,494	95,419,300	7,398,000	34,903,900	13,229,900	3,460,360		154,411,460