

AGENCY SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

(DPW&T)

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Leadership

Michael D. Johnson, Director

Core Services

- Roadway and drainage infrastructure, including design, construction, and maintenance.
- Roadway maintenance includes litter control, snow and ice removal, plant bed maintenance, mowing, and tree maintenance.
- Public transportation.
- Stormwater management, including maintenance of flood control levees and pumping stations.

Organizational Structure

- DPW&T is led by a Director who oversees five (5) main divisions: the Office of Administrative Services, the Office of Engineering and Project Management, the Office of Highway Maintenance, the Office of Storm Drain Maintenance, and the Office of Transportation.

FY 2024 Top Priorities

- Increase the average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of collector, arterial and residential roadways by utilizing the Pavement Management System to accurately assess the roadway conditions within the County.
- Eliminate pedestrian fatalities on County-maintained roadways by implementing a data-driven strategy by installing or improving sidewalks, crosswalks, and automated pedestrian signals.
- Maintain service delivery and improve response time for maintenance-related activities on County-maintained roadways by implementing a County-wide beautification initiative and enhanced response to constituent complaints.
- Provide more flexible and safer paratransit options for seniors and pilot alternative service models in low-density or emerging activity centers.
- Maintain County Stormwater Facilities while enhancing and improving systems and adapting to climate resiliency.

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BACKGROUND

DPW&T is responsible for the greatest number of assets of any department in County government. With over 2,000 miles of County-maintained roadway from rural to urban classification. Covering 900 bridges, miles of shoulders, sidewalks, curbs/gutters, stormwater management facilities, driveway aprons, nearly 3,000 acres of grassy area, millions of trees, and over 150 stormwater ponds, DPW&T constructs and maintains the most infrastructure in the County. [Section 6](#) of the County Charter sets the framework for the Department and delegation of authority to the Director to coordinate transportation plans, activities relating to the MDOT and all other Federal, State, Regional, and local offices, agencies, boards, commissions, or departments that deal with the subject of transportation.

DPW&T provides various services which include removing snow and ice from County-maintained roadways, upgrading traffic signals, installing streetlights, clearing fallen trees, unclogging drainage inlets and maintaining stormwater management facilities, as well as performing roadway repairs ranging from potholes and sidewalk trip hazards to bridge repairs and resurfacing projects.

In FY 2024, DPW&T managed 52 projects in its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) portfolio. In addition, DPW&T maintains and operates publicly owned stormwater management and flood control facilities as part of the County's Stormwater Management District (a special taxing district), which was established to assume the stormwater management functions previously performed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC).

The Transportation Services Improvement Special Revenue Fund (TSISRF) was created in 2015 with the enactment of CB-72-2015, with additional provisions enacted under CR-75-2018. The fund was established to improve the delivery of bus service and accessible transportation services in the County. All revenues to the fund are generated through a \$0.25 per trip surcharge on certain transportation network services originating in the County. The fund's additional purposes include satisfying connectivity to bus transit

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Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgetary Resources - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to DPW&T from FY 2020-24.

