

AGENCY SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION (DPW&T)

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Leadership

Michael D. Johnson, Director

Stacey L. Smalls, Deputy Director

Oluseyi A. Olugbenle, Deputy Director

Core Services

- Roadway and drainage infrastructure including design, construction and maintenance
- Roadway maintenance to include 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 2025 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Enhanced safety along the County's High Injury Network (HIN) by implementing key pedestrian and traffic improvements. Specifically, DPW&T constructed a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), crosswalk, and refuge island on Good Luck Road; built a roundabout at Chillum Road and Knollbrook Drive; and installed RRFBs, medians and refuge areas on Adelphi Road, significantly improving safety near the Diyanet Center and Northwestern High School.
- Implemented a historic expansion of the County's public transit system, adding Saturday service countywide for the first time in 30+ years and introducing microtransit to Oxon Hill and Brandywine.
- Mobilized 5,763 volunteers for a Countywide cleanup, planting 240+ trees. Planted 7,323 street trees, 240 shrubs, 1,800 perennials and 10,000 bulbs. Distributed 1,600 mulch bags and submitted a \$1M urban tree grant. Repaired 30 drainage infrastructure sites, maintained 350 storm drain structures and rehabilitated 40 stormwater management (SWM) facilities, removing 10,000 cubic yards of sediment.
- Enhanced SWM capacity by lowering bottom elevations where feasible. Executed routine maintenance at all SWM facilities, including biannual mowing. Mitigated flood risks by clearing 12,000 linear feet of channels from debris.

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 2025, DPW&T managed 52 projects totaling \$66.903M 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 service through Bikeshare; enhancing and expanding the provision of readily available, quality, accessible taxi service; ensuring compliance with applicable taxi legislation and any other purposes permitted by [Section 20A-212](#) of the County Code.

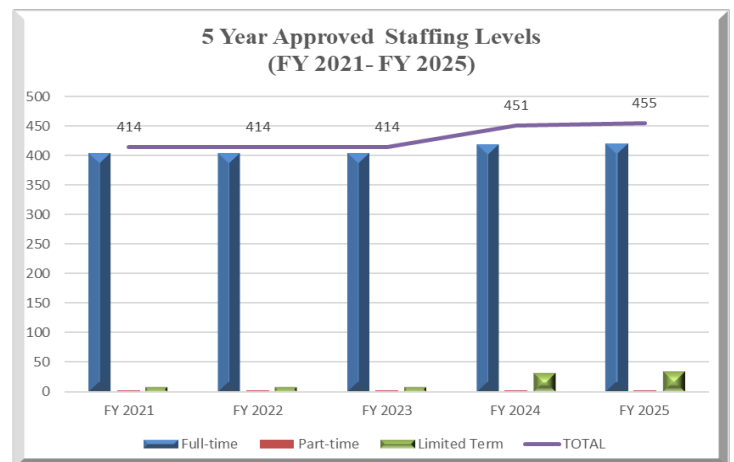
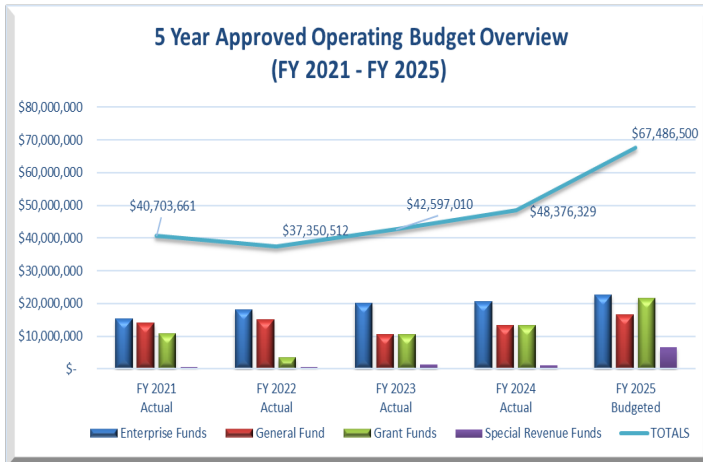
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FY 2025 Top Priorities

- 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 the County-maintained roadway network via implementing Countywide beautification initiatives and enhanced response to constituents' complaints (311 Gap Resolution Strategy).
- 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.

Operating Budgetary Resources - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to DPW&T from FY 2021-25.



FY 2025 CIP Projects: One (1) new project and one (1) project that will no longer be managed by the Agency. The 5-year overview of resources allocated to DPW&T CIP from FY 2021-25.

