

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1047	SB313	1234	HB246	Eastern Boulevard
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Stone				Bromwell
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore County				\$1,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair, and renovation of the 200 through 600 blocks of Eastern Boulevard.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
Grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Mary Harvey			410-887-3317	mharvey@baltimorecountymd.gov
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
Balto. Co. OCC mission statement: "to preserve, stabilize and enhance the human, physical and economic condition of the County's urban communities through cooperative public-private programs which address specific neighborhood concerns, and empower communities by fostering local-self reliance."				
11. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
To improve the image of, and stimulate private investment in the commercial core of Essex, MD, by designing and constructing improvements to calm traffic on Eastern Blvd., improve pedestrian safety, redesign sidewalks and public areas, and develop development codes to guide future development in the commercial core.				
<i>Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.</i>				
12. Estimated Capital Costs				
Acquisition				0
Design				\$400,000
Construction				\$1,600,000
Equipment				
Total				\$2,000,000
13. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Source				Amount

B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			N/A
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			N/A
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			N/A
Space to Be Renovated GSF			N/A
New GSF			N/A
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
<p>The commercial core of Essex is divided by Eastern Avenue (MD150), a state owned arterial highway carrying heavy traffic at high speeds through the shopping district. The streetscape features sidewalks too narrow and uneven to encourage pedestrian use, insufficient parking, and inappropriate street trees that hide commercial facades and signage. Existing commercial buildings are small, primarily one story, and limited in use by county zoning regulations. The tattered appearance of the commercial core and the dominance of through traffic have discouraged private investment in commercial and residential properties. This project will employ the most effective urban design and zoning techniques available to address the problem conditions cited, attract private investment, and create a mixed use "town center" that will capture the imagination of the residents of the eastern sections of Baltimore County and Baltimore City.</p>			