

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Mechanic and Harrison Street Intersection Widening		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McKay	Buckel	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Allegany County	\$350,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the intersection of Mechanic and Harrison St.		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Ray Morriss		301-722-2000
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Mayor and City Council of Cumberland governs the incorporated boundaries of the City of Cumberland. Under their guidance and directive, the local government provides basic government services to the 18,000+ residents of the City. The city operates under a council/city manager form of government where the City Administrator oversees the daily operations of the city which provides the following service: Police, Fire, Public Works, Engineering, Utility, Community Development, Historical Preservation, Parks and Recreation, Finance, Information Technology, Tax & Utility Billing.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

This project will widen an intersection to facilitate tractor trailer movements through a critical intersection in the City's Downtown. Tractor Trailers regularly ignore signage that directs them towards better access points off and on of I-68. When they miss those signs, they are directed towards this intersection which is not wide enough to facilitate their movement. In 2019, a tractor trailer dislodged the traffic signal pole from its foundation and drug it 200 ft up the street. There is also an important part of the Breezeline Fiber Network on an adjacent pole that has been struck numerous times. Losing this pole would cause the entire Breezeline customer base in the City to lose access. This project would install a turn lane on north bound S. Mechanic Street that would aid in getting trucks through the intersection.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$10,000
Design	\$20,000
Construction	\$320,000
Equipment	
Total	\$350,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

City Funds (if necessary)	\$70,000
Grant (Bond Bill)	\$350,000
Total	\$420,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
7/1/2025	10/1/2025	3/2/2026	6/30/2026
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site		17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
0.00	8,791 (Per MDOT AADT		8,791
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland 57 North Liberty Street Cumberland, MD 21502		Intersection of South Mechanic Street and West Harrison Street	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1B - Allegany County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Michael Scott Cohen, Esq	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-724-5200		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
213 Washington Street Cumberland, MD 21502			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5	5	8000.00	8000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
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

2019

28. Comments

Since 2019, the existing traffic pole has been hit approximately 5 times though the light has not be dislodged. It must be noted, that we would only records of an impact if the trucking company or an observer contacted the police.

In the near future, the MDOT owned Viaduct Bridge over Cumberland will be rehabilitated and the on/off ramps will be replaced as well. During that time, truck traffic will be rerouted through the City of Cumberland. As we are an old City, most of our public ROW's are narrow and not constructed to modern standards. Trucks will be forced to use this intersection which will place this traffic signal in further danger.

I have had many conversations with MDOT SHA District 6 about the signage from MD-51 (Industrial BLVD) to I-68 and directing traffic away from this intersection. While there is adequate signage to direct trucks away from this intersection, GPS units continue to take truck drivers through this intersection.

If approved, the City would coordinate this work with Breezeline and First Energy to relocate their utilities.