



City of Bowie

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2025
Council Chambers - 8 p.m.

AGENDA

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 - A. Approval of May 19, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of June 2, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
 - C. Adoption of Resolution R-40-25 Accepting Bid for Recapitalization of Cast Iron Water Mains Using Class IV Structural Cured-in-Place (CIPP) Lining in Various Areas of the City
 - D. Adoption of Resolution R-47-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the Purchase of Security Camera Equipment (CCTV) from Skyline Technology Solutions, LLC, and Authorizing the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$79,700.32
 - E. Introduction of Ordinance O-7-25 Amending the Code of the City of Bowie, Chapter 5 "Building and Property Maintenance", Article II "Housing and Property Maintenance Code," § 5-6 "Definitions" to Add a Definition of Invasive Bamboo, and § 5-7 "Standards," to Prohibit Planting of Invasive Bamboo and to Require Those Who Currently Maintain Bamboo on Their Property to Contain It to Their Property
 - F. Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-1-25 Amending Sec. 20, "Fixing Penalties for Violations of Ordinances", of the City Charter to Increase

From \$1,000 to \$5,000 the Maximum Fine That Can be Assessed for a Violation of the City Code

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Street Striping Update - Staff will update Council on status of striping on neighborhood streets.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Old Town Bowie Revitalization - The City's consultant, Innucvate Community Development Partners, will provide an update on their activity in Old Town Bowie.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION

To adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1): "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals".

Note: The Ethics Commission has advised that under certain circumstances, members of the public may qualify as lobbyists when they testify before the City Council. If so, the Bowie Ethics Ordinance requires that certain information be filed with the Ethics Commission. Please review the information about lobbying that is provided with the City Clerk. If you have any questions about lobbying, please contact the Ethics Commission or the Assistant City Manager.

This meeting will be televised live on Verizon Channel 10 and Comcast Channel 71 and 996, repeated on 7/9/2025 and 7/12/2025 at 7:00 p.m., and [web-streamed live](#).

For a closed-captioned version of the meeting video, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofbowiemd/playlists> and select the 2025 Council Meetings list. Once the meeting video opens, be sure to click on "CC" button to turn on closed captioning.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL - MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 8:00 P.M.



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Recognition of World Park Ranger Day - Proclamation P-18-25

DATE: 07/03/2025

This memo serves to propose the issuance of Proclamation P-18-25, recognizing World Ranger Day on July 31, in honor of the dedicated park rangers in the City of Bowie.

World Ranger Day is an internationally recognized event that celebrates the crucial work of park rangers and other guardians of natural and cultural heritage. Celebrated annually on July 31, it acknowledges the essential role rangers play in preserving the beauty, wildlife, and historical treasures of parks and protected areas globally. It also commemorates those who have lost their lives or sustained injuries in the line of duty.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Proclamation P-18-25

PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
PROCLAIMING JULY 31, 2025 AS
WORLD RANGER DAY IN THE CITY OF BOWIE

WHEREAS, World Ranger Day, celebrated on July 31st, is an international event that recognizes the dedicated work of park rangers and other guardians of natural and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, park rangers are essential in conserving the natural beauty, wildlife, and historical treasures of parks and protected areas around the globe; and

WHEREAS, World Ranger Day also commemorates rangers who have lost their lives or have been injured in the line of duty, highlighting the risks and sacrifices associated with their profession; and

WHEREAS, our Park Rangers play a vital role in supporting the setup and operations of City events, helping to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all attendees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie recognizes and appreciates the tireless efforts of our own park rangers, and recognizes their dedication and work to protect and manage our parks, providing education and ensuring the safety of visitors to these cherished areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby proclaims July 31, 2025, as World Ranger Day in the City of Bowie.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on July 7, 2025.

ATTEST:

Timothy J. Adams
Mayor

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Committee Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-in

DATE: 07/03/2025

Committee Appointments:

1. Mr. John Stewart was interviewed on June 16, 2025, for appointment to the Public Safety Committee. Council concurred to appoint him to the Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Please have Councilmember Brady move to appoint him.
2. Mr. Stephen Orenstein was interviewed on June 16, 2025, for appointment to the Public Safety Committee. Council concurred to appoint him to the Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Please have Councilmember Brady move to appoint him.

Committee Reappointments:

1. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members of the Administrative Review Board for another 2-year term, please move to reappoint them:

Linda Fuller
John Scoulios

Valerie H. Yancey

2. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members of the Arts Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Estève move to appoint them:

Shalina Hayes

Kathleen Parker

3. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members of the Board of Personnel Appeals for another 2-year term, please move to reappoint them:

Gail L. Elkins
Richard Sexton

Jacqueline M. Rhone

4. If Council concurs to reappoint the following member to the Community Outreach Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Estève move to reappoint her:

Sharon R. Hunt

5. If Council concurs to reappoint the following member to the Diversity Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Rogers move to reappoint her:

Brittany Bunn

6. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members to the Economic Development Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Brady move to reappoint them:

Kevin Kennedy, Jr.

Andrew M. Roud

7. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members to the Education Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Ndebumadu move to reappoint them:

Kelechi Fluitt
Nicole Thornton

Julie Gordon

8. If Council concurs to reappoint the following member to the Environmental Advisory Committee for another 2-year term, please have Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley move to reappoint him:

Elmer M. Dengler

9. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members of the Ethics Commission for another 2-year term, please move to reappoint them:

Ismael Canales
Alan R. Kolski
Daniel E. Thomas

John P. Fagan, Jr.
Karl Stehmer

10. If Council concurs to reappoint the following member to the Financial Advisory Committee for another 2-year term, please have Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley move to reappoint him:

Carl Robinson

11. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members to the Green Team Executive Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Rogers move to reappoint them:

Robert Kellaway

Michael Lagua

12. If Council concurs to reappoint the following member to the Information Technology Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Ndebumadu move to reappoint him:

John Eidsness

13. If Council concurs to reappoint the following members of the Public Safety Committee for another 2-year term, please have Councilmember Brady move to reappoint them:

Langston Clay

Jeffrey G. Cooper

ATTACHMENTS: None

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams; Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley; Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Ndebumadu, Rogers, and Truesdale; City Manager Lott; Assistant City Manager Mears; City Attorney Ruff; Assistant City Clerk Hartig and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Valerie Yancey, Gideon Street – Shared thoughts on the city's proposal to take over management of the Bowie Community Media Corporation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Rogers motioned to adopt Proclamation P-15-25 Congratulating the Bowie Bulldogs on Winning the 2025 PGCBGC 12U Girls Basketball Playoff Tournament. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Council presented the proclamation to members of the team in attendance.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to appoint Mr. Jospeh Puccio to the Board of Elections as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Mayor Adams swore in Mr. Puccio to the committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams invited the community to attend the city's annual Memorial Day Parade taking place on May 24, 2025. Mayor Adams shared that the city is looking into purchasing the Regal Theater Property.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of April 7, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of April 14, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of April 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; D) Adoption of Proclamation P-12-25 Celebrating Memorial Day 2025, by Honoring Those Whose Lives Were Given in Service to Their Country; E) Adoption of Proclamation P-13-25 Placing Helen Rose Williams in the City of Bowie Hall of Honor; F) Adoption of Proclamation P-14-25 Placing Fannie L. Basim in the City of Bowie Hall of Honor; G) Adoption of Resolution R-23-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow Negotiations with Independent Consultants & Engineers, Inc, and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Third Party Inspection Services for Construction of a New Single Sheet Ice Arena; H) Adoption of Resolution R-24-25 Awarding a Contract to Eastern Marine Services to Repair the Northridge Stormwater Dam and Pond in the Amount of \$146,000; I) Adoption of Resolution R-27-25 Accepting a Proposal for Electronic Door Access System with Zeus, LLC in the Amount of \$192,598.92. Councilmember Estève seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Amended Ordinance O-4-25 Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026, and Amended Resolution R-18-25 Adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Years 2026-2031.

City Manager Lott summarized budget adjustments during the worksession budget reviews.

Mayor Adams motioned for the City Council to suspend all further expenditures from Capital Improvement Program funds, effective immediately, until the Council has received and reviewed a comprehensive report on all current CIP projects and potential spending. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-3-1 (Estève, Woolfley, Brady – Nay; Rogers – Abstain).

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Amended Ordinance O-4-25. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Ndebumadu).

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Amended Resolution R-18-25. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Ndebumadu).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Session Wrap-up – Christopher Dews, Patrick Hogan, and Delora Sanchez Ifekauche, representatives from Cornerstone, the City's lobbyist firm, briefed Council on 2025 Legislative Session

outcomes. The report included information on Bowie Racetrack funding, new taxes and fees within the State budget, protections for federal workers, Youth Services Bureau reporting requirements, and legislation that affects local governments.

Mayor Adams thanked Cornerstone for their work on behalf of the city.

Councilmember Rogers asked for information on the Transparency of Impact Fees bill sponsored by Senator Ron Watson. Ms. Sanchez Ifekauche shared that the bill passed. Councilmember Rogers asked if Cornerstone is able to lobby on behalf of the city with Prince George's County, and Ms. Sanchez Ifekauche replied that Cornerstone is not a registered lobbyist for the city at the county level, but they are able to advise the city on county matters.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-25-25 Adopting the FY2026 Annual Action Plan and Proposed Projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program - Grants Writer Kay Starr presented the Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant funding program that the city annually receives funding from through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Starr summarized the work that the Grants Office does, as well as spoke about the current, future, and past/on-going grant programs the city is involved with.

Public Hearing:

Since no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Rogers asked if the American Job Center Community Network location opening at the Kenhill Center will be opened to impacted federal employees who have recently lost their jobs. Ms. Starr responded that the program is focused on the youth, but it can be opened to other populations.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Resolution R-25-25. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Starr for her presentation.

C. Adoption of Resolution R-26-25 Adopting the 2026-2030 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – Grants Writer Kay Starr and Grants Director Jesse Buggs presented the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for communities that receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Public Hearing:

Since no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Brady asked about what the next six to nine months will look like for CDBG and HUD funding. Ms. Starr commented that the outlook is unclear due to daily changes taking place at the federal level. Mr. Buggs added that the city has developed relationships with other entities, which will minimize the impact of decreased funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Resolution R-26-25. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Adams thanked the Grants Office for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Ndebumadu, Rogers, Truesdale and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to move Item C under Presentations – Adoption of Proclamation P-16-25 Proclaiming June 7-15, 2025, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in the City of Bowie to Consent Agenda. Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu not in Chambers).

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated for the record that four comments were received via email and forwarded to Council. Copies attached.

1. Jacques Chevalier, Old Stage Rd – Copy of comments attached.
2. Penny Collins, DAV - Spoke about a seminar hosted by the DAV on June 21st, to assist veterans with disability claims.
3. Ken McCaughey, Chalford Ln – Spoke on improving trails and walkways adjoining to State roads.
4. Michael Bridges, Dunwood Crossing Dr. – Copy of comments attached.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. The Chairs of the Arts and Education Committees presented scholarship awards. List of winners attached.
- B. The Chair of the Education Committee presented the 40th Annual Excellence in Education Teacher Awards. List of winners attached.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Estève motioned to appoint Mr. Caleb James to the Community Outreach Committee as a Youth Member for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Adams swore in the member to the committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Rogers mentioned that the University of Maryland Global Campus is offering free AI online classes.

Mayor Adams reminded residents to attend Bowiefest on June 7th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Resolution R-28-25 Accepting a Bid Proposal for the Bituminous Trail Repairs/Replacements Along Northview Drive Project from E&R Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$47,500; B) Adoption of Resolution R-29-25 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Temporary Labor Services from P2 Cleaning Services, LLC in the Amount of \$186,092.60; C) Adoption of Resolution R-30-25 Accepting a Bid Proposal for the Algae & Vegetation Treatment for Stormwater Management Ponds from Aquatic Environment Consultants, Inc. in the Amount of \$31,019; D) Adoption of Resolution R-31-25 Awarding a Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services at the Solid Waste Facility, Water Well and Water Tank Sites, Wastewater Pump Station Facilities and the Wastewater Treatment Plant; E) Adoption of Resolution R-32-25 Awarding a Contract to Maryland Industrial Trucks, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Sewer Camera Tractor in the Amount of \$60,986; F) Adoption of Resolution R-33-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Issuing a Purchase Order to Granturk Equipment Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$937,953 for the Purchase of Three Refuse Trucks, by Piggybacking a Costarts Pennsylvania Department of General Services Bid; G) Adoption of Resolution R-34-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Issuing a Purchase Order to Apple Ford in the Amount of \$135,571.44 for the Purchase of One Dump Truck by Piggybacking Baltimore County Contract #0004504; H) Adoption of Resolution R-35-25 Accepting a Proposal for ASHRAE Level II Building Audits of Kenhill Center and City Hall With Loring Consulting Engineers in the Amount of \$59,185; I) Adoption of Proclamation P-16-25 Proclaiming June 7-15, 2025, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in the City of Bowie. Councilmember Estève second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Maryland State Highway Administration Update - Mr. David Rogers, Regional Planner for MDOT and Mr. Jonathon Brown II, Assistant District Engineer for MDOT, briefed Council on the status of several road projects in the City. The widening of MD-197 is back on hold, the replacement of sidewalk near Omni building is being reviewed and an update will be provided soon. US-301 litter control is on a schedule of 4-6 weeks, and there are no plans for widening US-301.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley commented on his disappointment at learning that the widening of MD-197 is back on hold. He also mentioned that vegetation is overgrown in the cloverleaf sections of US-301 onto MD-50.

Councilmember Ndebumadu requested that litter control on US-301 be reevaluated to be done sooner than 4-6 weeks.

Councilmember Truesdale requested that the repairs of the sidewalk near the Omni building be prioritized, it has been damaged for nearly five years.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Rogers and Mr. Brown for their briefing.

B. Land Acquisition and Adoption of Emergency Ordinance O-5-25 Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property Located at 15200 Major Lansdale Blvd., Bowie, Maryland 20716, Comprising Approximately 11.97± Acres, Being the Property Identified as Tax Map 55, Grid B1, Lot 1, Tax ID No. 07-3131711 – Mr. John Henry King, City's Economic Development Director summarized the staff report. The City would purchase the former Regal Cinema property consisting of approximately 11.97± acres with a 55,280 sq. ft. movie theater constructed on it for \$11,970,000 and non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$1,197,000 has been made.

The City has an established land acquisition policy, described in Resolution R-61-98, that has eleven possible reasons for the City to acquire land. Three (3) of those reasons apply directly to this property:

- Acquisition would allow the City to influence land use for a particular property
- Acquisition would be for redevelopment or revitalization
- Acquisition would be in the best interest of the City as determined by the City

Mayor Adams motioned to address the Emergency Ordinance O-5-25 as written. Councilmember Ndebumadu second the motion. Motion failed 4-3 (Adams, Ndebumadu, Truesdale). Emergency Ordinance needed a unanimous vote to pass as presented.

Councilmember Esteve commented that Economic Development was not an issue in the City 10 years ago but now it has become a top priority for residents and this purchase would give the City a chance to guide what could be developed on the property.

Councilmember Brady concurs with Councilmember Esteve's comment and supports this ordinance.

Councilmember Ndebumadu stated that she is against this purchase.

Mayor Adams stated that although he understands the opportunity presented, at this time it would put the City in a financial deficit not knowing what is going to happen with finances in the future with State and Federal budget cuts.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to Amend Emergency Ordinance O-5-25 by striking out the 7th recital on the ordinance as well as striking out the words beginning at permitting through introduced

in the 8th recital and just introducing the ordinance this evening and holding a Public Hearing for possible adoption at the June 16, 2025, Council meeting. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 4-3 (Adams, Ndebumadu, Truesdale). The Emergency Ordinance only needed a majority vote for introduction.

C. Adoption of Ordinance O-6-25 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025, As Embodied in Ordinance O-4-24, and Amended by Ordinances O-7-24, O-2-25 and O-3-25 to Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition of Certain Real Property as Described in Emergency Ordinance O-5-25, Known as the Regal Theater Property.

Mayor Adams motioned to adopt Emergency Ordinance O-6-25 as presented. Councilmember Ndebumadu second the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley asked for point of clarification that this will only need a majority vote for introduction as written. City Attorney Levan responded that for introduction it would only need a simple majority but to adopt it would need a two-third vote since it would be amending the budget. Motion passed 4-3 (Adams, Ndebumadu, Truesdale).

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Jacques Chevalier Homeowner,(BLACK Male & Married to Carolyn since 1990)

14413 Old Stage Road Bowie, Md 20720 202 494-2955

REMARKS BOWIE City Council Meeting June 2, 2025, 8pm

My name is JACQUES CHEVALIER , Proud married homowner and resident since 2018 in Bowie. The recent Regal Theatre real estate transaction by most of the elected Council Flim FLAMMERS is sickening and foul feces being thrown to taxpayers. Your indignation to the Bowie nation is pure criminal, malfeasance and dereliction of your fiduciary responsibility to us overburdened residential taxpayers by attempting to purchase a foreclosure and pay 4x the value.

Having sold real estate in DC & Md beginning in 1982, appraisal and loan officer I certify to the citizens and the swindlers of our tax dollars this deal to pay \$12 million for a \$4 million dollar property with no improvements is 'economic obsolescence 101'period! Not one of you would pay with your personal funds to a seller who scooped a foreclosure for \$4mil, made no improvements in 2 yrs of ownership and surrounding area is not commercially sustainable currently. What you crooks doing to us is outrageous conduct and indecent exposure of our tax dollars. Stop the execution and FREAK OFF with baby-snake-oil financially speaking by rescinding the transaction and leaving the earnest money deposit with the sellers. THEN ask the AG to investigate this deal , secure PERSONAL liability judgments against all parties who stole our money, resign enmasse and maybe some prison time to curtail thieving derriere politicians like you'll in the City of Bowie.

Our taxes are among the highest in Maryland: Bowie has funk up money with the skating rink, gave away too many tax benefits to developers meanwhile folks like me in their 70's are scrapping to keep up real property taxes and utilities to reside here. The fornication of your Council fiduciary to the citizens is so dangerous that we will see a rise in foreclosures, taxes and continued theft in boardroom politician-closets and retail stores, simply put we are being ruined and burned. All folks suffer in Bowie but more so at the high end real estate homes like mine. Come to reality and escape fantality and give me MY mother-father money back asap and be open and honest by quitting the secrecy secretions meetings-someone in this body is reaping money from this deal or their relatives or whores.

Jacques Chevalier, Homeowner and caring citizen of Bowie.

From: [Michael Bridges](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Emergency Ordinance to acquire the Regal Theatre Property
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 4:46:42 PM

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My name is Michael Bridges and I am a city resident at

3320 Dunwood Crossing Dr,
Bowie, MD 20721

It has come to my attention that the city plans to hold a vote on an emergency ordinance to appropriate funds for the acquisition of the Regal Theatre property. It appears 5 members of the city council voted to enter into a ~\$12M contract for the property with a \$1.2M non refundable deposit. In my opinion the deal was made too hastily and at too high a price. There is no way one should buy a distressed property for more than the price defaulted on, especially with no plan for the property or any analysis that shows the purchase will be good for the taxpayer. What was the analysis used to justify that price?

At this stage I recommend a NO vote on this emergency ordinance as it will do a couple of things:

- 1.) It will allow the city to figure out if there is a reasonable future plan that can be put together for the use of the property that is cost effective for the taxpayer.
- 2.) It puts the city in a stronger negotiation position by showing they are willing to walk away
- 3.) The stronger position might allow the city to re-negotiate for more time to figure this out and potentially a better deal than the current \$12M contract.

If they don't want to negotiate then the council will have learned a very hard \$1.2M lesson about making an emotional/panicked/rushed buying decision. When Regal was foreclosed upon and Four Points Capital Partner bought the property at the firesale price of \$4M. That tells me there were probably no other developers at that time willing to put up anything more so that set the price. A new price was tested when they sold it to the church for \$10M. The fact that the Church bid \$10M and no other developer was willing to bid higher to me suggests that the development community did not consider that to be a reasonable price. The fact that the church defaulted suggests to me that they overstretched. Both these facts to me suggest the value of that property is less than \$10M.

Please vote no so a more measured and thoughtful future use analysis plan can be conducted so as to determine if such a purchase is a good deal for the taxpayers

Mary Kate Hartig

From: Bill Mauer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:06 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regal Property Purchase Comment

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Good day -

I'm writing to inform you that I oppose the proposed purchase of the Regal Cinema Property. I feel that this is an unwarranted expenditure, and that the only purpose is to "bail out" a real estate developer. It would burden the city with an unusable property with no clear path for future use.

Thank you fo your attention.

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- Stay well

--[William C. "Bill" Mauer]--

No Fear

From: [John John](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waste and Fraud re development
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 3:51:26 PM

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I am a resident of Bowie and I am extremely disturbed that multiple members of the Council would put in a bid for the property where Regal Cinema was without any public input!

Entering a bid for almost \$2million without any plan to develop it!

I am completely against this and I will inform the community of the members of Council that voted for this measure. Enough is Enough!

The extensive redevelopment happening in the City of Bowie that is controlled by PG County is destroying the very essence of Bowie. How can we continue to sit by while the developers give PG County funds to over develop Bowie while crime is rising and the funds collected are not primarily being spent in the city that it the most affected?!

Take this as a short and powerful WAKE UP CALL, if this continues we will not re elect any of these members to office.

From: [Milly Hall](#)
To: [Timothy Adams](#); [Dufour Woolfley](#); [Clinton Truesdale](#); [Wanda Rogers](#); [Dennis Brady](#); [Michael Esteve](#); [Bowie City Councilwoman Roxy Ndebumadu](#)
Cc: [Awilda Hernandez](#); [Alfred Lott](#); [Daniel Mears](#); [Milly Hall](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Regal Property Purchase = Bad move
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 5:08:03 PM

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Dear Mayor Adams, City Council members and City staff,

I am writing in regards to your potential acquisition of certain Real Property located at 15200 Mayor Lansdale Blv. Bowie, the Regal Movie Theatre. This is of great concern, and we expect the Council to make better decisions on behalf of all Bowie citizens. I don't feel this is a good one, considering the financial challenges the City could be facing with what's coming out of the Federal Government. I am suggesting that you rethink this action, as it could clearly hurt us in the coming future.

The former Regal Cinema closed due to national economic trends in entertainment and commercial real estate. It was foreclosed and purchased by a DC-based private equity firm (Four Points Capital Partners) for **\$4 million**. They sold it to a church, Passion Java Ministries, financed by Greenspring Realty Partners in Maryland for approximately **\$10 million**. The church defaulted on the loan, and the property is now back under the control of Four Points Capital, which holds the note, in coordination with Greenspring. They are now asking the City of Bowie to purchase it for **\$11.97 million**.

Five members of Council directed staff, without public input, to enter a no-contingency contract, placing a **\$1,197,000.00 million non-refundable deposit** for a property with **no defined plan** for use, purpose, or public return.

The city council should not be moving forward with an intent to purchase land without appropriate public input or feasible redevelopment plan for income generation 10 years from now.

Milly Hall
14404 Dunstable Court
Bowie MD 20721



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Water Main Recapitalization - Resolution R-40-25

DATE: 07/03/2025

A legal notice advertising an Invitation for Bids for the recapitalization of cast iron water mains using Class IV structural cured-in-place (CIPP) lining in various areas of the City was placed on eMaryland Marketplace Advantage and Bid Locker on April 9, 2025. At the close of bidding at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025, three (3) bids were received from J. Fletcher Creamer & Son., Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey; FER-PAL Construction USA LLC of Taylor, Michigan; and Mainlining America LLC of Livingston, New Jersey.

This work is being performed in accordance with the Capital Improvement Program.

After careful review of the bids received, it was determined that J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. submitted a responsible and responsive bid. Based on the unit prices bid, it is anticipated that approximately 12,000 linear feet of water mains can be recapitalized with the FY26 budget of \$3,500,000.

The term of this contract is for one year (FY26), except the City shall have the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional one-year terms (FY27-FY30). Unit prices quoted are firm for the first year of the contract. The contractor may request a price adjustment thereafter based on the annual percentage change of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the twelve-month period immediately prior to the date of the request.

The Public Works Department recommends that the bid from J. Fletcher Creamer & Son., Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey be accepted.

I concur with the above recommendation to award to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. and request your approval of Resolution R-40-25.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Resolution R-40-25

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
ACCEPTING BID FOR RECAPITALIZATION OF CAST IRON WATER MAINS
USING CLASS IV STRUCTURAL CURED-IN-PLACE (CIPP) LINING IN VARIOUS
AREAS OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, a legal notice advertising an Invitation for Bids for the recapitalization of cast iron water mains using Class IV structural cured-in-place (CIPP) lining in various areas of the City was placed on eMaryland Marketplace Advantage and Bid Locker on April 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at the close of bidding at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025, the City received three (3) bids; and

WHEREAS, after careful review of the bids submitted it was determined that J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey submitted a responsible and responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, based on the unit prices bid, it is anticipated that approximately 12,000 linear feet of water mains can be recapitalized within the FY26 budget of \$3,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for one year (FY26), except the City shall have the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional one-year terms (FY27-FY30). Unit prices quoted are firm for the first year of the contract. The contractor may request a price adjustment thereafter based on the annual percentage change of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the twelve-month period immediately prior to the date of the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the Council hereby accepts the bid of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son., Inc. for recapitalization of cast iron water mains using Class IV structural cured-in-place (CIPP) lining and hereby directs the City Manager to enter into a contract with J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on July 7, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

 Awilda Hernandez, MMC
 City Clerk

 Timothy J. Adams
 Mayor



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Waive Bidding for Purchase of Security Camera Equipment (CCTV)
Resolution R-47-25

DATE: 07/03/2025

The FY26 Department of Community Services Capital Improvements Program budget provides funding for the purchase of Security Camera Equipment (CCTV) as part of a multi-year security systems equipment roll-out for City facilities and properties. The Department of Community Services has located a Contract with the County Commissioners of Carroll County (Contract# 49-F-1-24/25) through Skyline Technology Solutions, LLC approved to piggyback.

In FY26, \$315,000 has been appropriated for physical security improvements and hardware, closed circuit television (CCTV) visitor management system in the Facility Security account 10164-57010. Skyline Technology Solutions, LLC has provided a quote in the amount of \$79,700.32 for the items for purchase.

The Department of Community Services recommends waiving bidding requirements for good cause shown, as allowed by Section 61(b) of the City Charter, for the purchase of Security Camera Equipment in the amount of \$79,700.32.

I concur with the above recommendation and request your approval of Resolution R-47-25.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Resolution R-47-25

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 61
“PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING” OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
BOWIE TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERA EQUIPMENT
(CCTV) FROM SKYLINE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A
PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,700.32

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bowie, Maryland (hereinafter, “the City”) requires, in section 61, that all expenditures for inter alia, materials, construction of public improvements or contractual services involving more than twenty-five thousand dollars be made by written contract upon sealed bids to the lowest responsible bidder, except where the City Council by two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members waives the bidding requirement for good cause shown; and

WHEREAS, the FY26 Capital Improvements budget allows for the purchase of security camera equipment for use for with facility security; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services has located a Contract with the County Commissioners of Carroll County (Contract# 49-F-1-24/25) through Skyline Technology Solutions, LLC approved to piggyback; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract price for the services to be procured will exceed twenty-five thousand dollars and the City Council deems the aforesaid economic efficiencies to constitute good cause to waive the bidding requirements otherwise required by the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, that:

Section 1. The competitive bidding requirements of Section 61 of the Bowie City Charter for good cause shown, are hereby waived.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the said company for the above mentioned services.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on July 7, 2025 by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

 Awilda Hernandez, MMC
 City Clerk

 Timothy J. Adams
 Mayor



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Amending Chapter 5, Building and Property Maintenance - Ordinance O-7-25

DATE: 07/03/2025

Ordinance O-7-25 has been prepared by the City Attorney and Code Compliance staff to amend Chapter 5 of the Bowie City Code. This amendment reflects recent changes to Maryland law and responds to community concerns about the spread of invasive bamboo in Bowie.

In the 2023 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly gave municipalities the authority to regulate invasive bamboo. The law, <https://bit.ly/1-1318>, allows the City to prohibit planting of invasive bamboo or letting it grow uncontrolled without proper maintenance and containment measures.

This ordinance amendment adds those prohibitions to the City's Housing and Property Maintenance Code and requires property owners with existing bamboo to prevent it from spreading onto neighboring properties or the public right-of-way.

Council introduction of this ordinance is requested.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Ordinance O-7-25

ORDINANCE
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, CHAPTER 5 “BUILDING
AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”, ARTICLE II “HOUSING AND PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE,” § 5-6 “DEFINITIONS” TO ADD A DEFINITION OF
INVASIVE BAMBOO, AND § 5-7 “STANDARDS,” TO PROHIBIT PLANTING OF
INVASIVE BAMBOO AND TO REQUIRE THOSE WHO CURRENTLY MAINTAIN
BAMBOO ON THEIR PROPERTY TO CONTAIN IT TO THEIR PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has classified bamboo as a Tier 1 invasive plant;
and

WHEREAS, MD Code, Local Gov’t, § 1-1318 “Regulation of invasive bamboo” authorizes the Bowie City Council, by ordinance, to regulate invasive bamboo, including prohibiting a person from selling it, planting it and allowing it to grow on property of the person without proper upkeep and appropriate containment measures;
and

WHEREAS, the Bowie City Council may provide for the enforcement of an ordinance regulating invasive bamboo by requiring any damage caused by the invasive bamboo to be mitigated and establishing a civil fine; and

WHEREAS, the Bowie City Council desires to prohibit residents and property owners from planting bamboo in the City of Bowie after the adoption of this ordinance and to require those who maintain bamboo on their property to maintain the bamboo utilizing appropriate containment measures so that the bamboo does not spread onto adjoining property.

Section 1. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the City Council, that Bowie City Code, Article II. Housing and Property Maintenance Code, Sec. 5-6 Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-6. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article the following words and phrases shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them by this section.

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INFESTATION

The presence within or contiguous to a Dwelling, Dwelling Unit or Rooming Unit, Commercial Building, or Commercial Unit of insects, rodents, vermin or other pests.

INVASIVE BAMBOO

BAMBOO THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY AGGRESSIVE SPREADING BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING BAMBOO SPECIES IN THE GENUS PHYLLOSTACHYS.

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Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the City Council, that Bowie City Code, Article II. "Housing and Property Maintenance Code," Sec. 5-7 "Standards" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-7. Standards.

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B. EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS. The exterior property areas of any residential or commercial structure, whether occupied or unoccupied, shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Landscaping of premises.

(a) The landscaping of premises shall be maintained in an orderly state with lawns and, bushes, trees, shrubs and other such vegetation trimmed and free from unlawful overgrowth, dead trees or shrubs, and other conditions that would constitute a nuisance or a blighting effect on nearby property.

(b) Dead trees must be removed. Property owners may not leave in place tree trunks or stumps that are higher than 18".

(c) **AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE NO. O-7-25, THE PLANTING OF INVASIVE BAMBOO IS PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF BOWIE. ANY INVASIVE BAMBOO EXISTING IN THE CITY OF BOWIE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE NO. O-7-25 SHALL BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND APPROPRIATE CONTAINMENT MEASURES UTILIZED, INCLUDING BARRIERS AND TRENCHES, TO ENSURE THAT THE BAMBOO DOES NOT SPREAD TO ADJOINING PROPERTY, INCLUDING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

~~(c)~~(D) Overgrowth shall be unlawful if any one or more of the following applies:

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- [1] The overgrowth has caused the primary improvements on the property to be wholly or substantially screened from view from pedestrians standing at ground level upon any right-of-way abutting any property line, except that this subsection is not intended to apply to trees and properly pruned hedges;
 - [2] The overgrowth obstructs the view of address numerals;
 - [3] The overgrowth obstructs access to escape and rescue opening points or path of travel from any street to the primary entrance of the main structure;
 - [4] The overgrowth is growing into or on the primary structure, storage sheds and buildings or is detrimental or has caused damage to primary or accessory structures; or
 - [5] The overgrowth constitutes a public health, safety, welfare, or fire hazard.; OR
 - [6] **THE OVERGROWTH OF INVASIVE BAMBOO SPREADS FROM THE PROPERTY ON WHICH IT IS LOCATED (I.E. ORIGINATES) TO AN ADJOINING PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE AN AFFIDAVIT FROM THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF A PROPERTY ATTESTING TO THE FACT THAT THE BAMBOO SPREAD FROM THE ADJOINING PROPERTY ONTO THEIR PROPERTY.**
- (d)(E) The requirements of ~~Subsection (A)~~ **SECTION (B)1** above shall have no application in the following areas of the City:

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- [5] Any **CITY OWNED PROPERTY** OR other area required to be vegetated by reason of the application of the ~~City~~**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** Zoning Ordinance, **LANDSCAPE MANUAL**, Subdivision Ordinance, ~~Site Plan Ordinance~~, OR Stormwater Management Ordinance, **ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL, ANY PROVISION OF THE CITY CODE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS** or any other ordinance or provision of law.

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Section 3. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that, this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, provided that a fair summary of this Ordinance is published at least once prior to the

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date of passage and at least once within ten (10) days after the date of passage in the newspaper having general circulation in the City.

INTRODUCED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, at a meeting on _____, 2025.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, at a meeting on _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Timothy J. Adams
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
SUFFICIENCY:**

Elissa D. Levan
City Attorney

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Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Amending City Charter Sec. 20 "Fixing Penalty for Violations of Ordinances"
Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-1-25

DATE: 07/03/2025

During the 2025 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly, Senate Bill 820, An Act Concerning Municipalities - Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions, was enacted, which was approved by Governor Moore on May 13, 2025 and becomes effective October 1, 2025. Senate Bill 820 increases the amount of the fine authorized in Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Art., § 6-101 and § 6-102, from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The change in state law necessitates an amendment to § 20 "Fixing penalty for violations of ordinances" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to increase the amount of a fine that can be assessed for the violation of a municipal ordinance from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

This Charter Amendment Resolution is for introduction only. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 4, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-1-25

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
AMENDING SEC. 20, “FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF
ORDINANCES”, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO INCREASE FROM
\$1,000 TO \$5,000 THE MAXIMUM FINE THAT CAN BE ASSESSED
FOR A VIOLATION OF THE CITY CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov’t Art., Subtitle 3, Amendment or Repeal of Charter, the City Council of the City of Bowie (“the City”) has the authority to amend the City’s Charter, in accordance with the procedures set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann., Local Gov’t Art., § 6-101 “Violations Punishable as Misdemeanors” authorizes the City Council of the City of Bowie to provide that violations of City ordinances and resolutions that are authorized by Md Code Ann., Local Gov’t, Division II, Municipalities, are punishable as misdemeanors, and that the penalty for a violation of such ordinance or resolution may not exceed imprisonment for six (6) months or a fine of \$1,000 or both; and

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann., Local Gov’t Art., § 6-102 “Municipal Infractions” authorizes the City Council of the City of Bowie, to provide, by law, that a violation of a municipal ordinance is a municipal infraction (unless State law classifies the violation as a criminal offense), which is a civil offense, and that the penalty for a violation of such municipal ordinance is a fine not exceeding \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority, the City Council of the City of Bowie enacted § 20 “Fixing penalty for violations of ordinances” of the Charter of the City of Bowie authorizing up to a \$1,000 fine for the violation of certain ordinances and resolutions; and

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WHEREAS, during the 2025 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly, Senate Bill 820, An Act Concerning Municipalities – Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions, was enacted, which was approved by the Governor on May 13, 2025 and becomes effective October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 820 increases the amount of the fine authorized in Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Art., § 6-101 and § 6-102, referenced above, from \$1,000 to \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the change in state law necessitates an amendment to § 20 “Fixing penalty for violations of ordinances” of the Charter of the City of Bowie to increase the amount of a fine that can be assessed for the violation of a municipal ordinance from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Section 1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bowie that § 20 “Fixing penalty for violations of ordinances” of the Charter of the City of Bowie is amended as follows:

Sec. 20. Fixing penalty for violations of ordinances.

To ensure compliance with the ordinances of the City, the Council shall have the power to provide that a violation shall be a misdemeanor or a municipal infraction, unless the violation is declared to be a felony or misdemeanor by State law. The Council shall have the power to affix penalties of a fine for the violation of an ordinance. The penalty for a misdemeanor shall not exceed a fine of [one] **FIVE** thousand dollars **[(\$1,000)] (\$5,000.00)** per [infraction] **VIOLATION OF AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION THAT IS DECLARED TO BE A MISDEMEANOR** and/or imprisonment for six (6) months. A penalty for a municipal

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infraction shall not exceed **[one] FIVE** thousand dollars **[(\$1,000)] (\$5,000.00)** per infraction. The council may provide that a judgment or conviction for an offense shall not bar a subsequent enforcement procedure for a continuation of the same offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND** that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Council that this Resolution shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

Section 3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND** that to the extent that any section of the Charter is in conflict with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Resolution, such section or sections be and hereby are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, following a public hearing regarding CAR-1- 25 conducted in accordance with the requirements of State law, this Charter Amendment Resolution is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of Bowie, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective fifty (50) days after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Art., §

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4-304 within 40 days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be posted in the City Hall building for forty (40) days following its passage by the City, and a fair summary of the Charter Amendment shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) days following its passage by City.

Section 5: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that as soon as the Charter Amendment Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager shall send to the Department of Legislative Services, the following information concerning the Charter Amendment Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of Bowie or in a referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Amendment.

Section 6: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager be, and hereby is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 hereof as evidence of compliance herewith; and said City Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Amendment shall have been published, and shall further cause to be completed and executed the Certificate of Effect.

INTRODUCED by the Council of the City of Bowie at a Regular Meeting on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Bowie at a Regular Meeting on the ____
day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Timothy J. Adams
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

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Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Street Striping Update

DATE: 07/03/2025

At the July 7th City Council meeting, staff will present an update on the City's ongoing traffic management efforts. This is a multi-departmental initiative led primarily by Public Works and the Police Department, with support from Planning and IT through regular participation in the monthly Traffic Management Workgroup meetings.

Over the past year, the Police Department has expanded the deployment of speed cameras at new locations throughout the City. In 2025, Public Works has significantly increased its role by conducting detailed analysis of individual streets and advancing revisions to the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy (NTMP).

The presentation will include an overview of enforcement zones, traffic education efforts, and roadway striping—now integrated into the City's GIS mapping system. While additional work on the NTMP continues and will be brought forward to the Council later this fall, staff looks forward to highlighting the City's progress toward a more proactive, data-informed approach to traffic management.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Traffic Calming Summary FY 25 Final



Traffic Calming Program Updates

Police Department / Public Works Department

July 07, 2025

Traffic Calming Measures

Striping

Radar Speed Signs

Speed Camera
/Directed Enforcement

Traffic Study

Future Plans

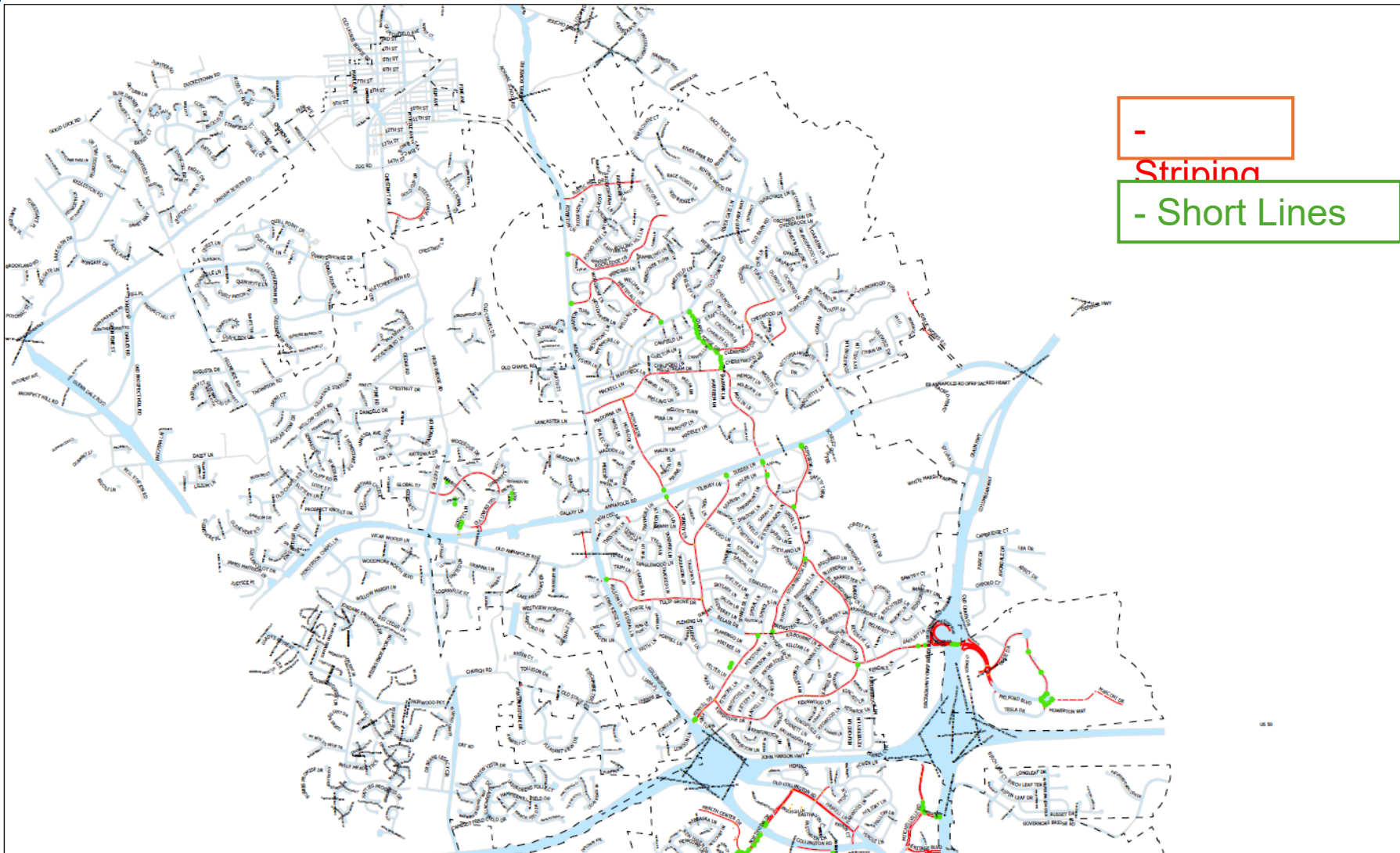
Striping

- Accomplishment
 - Over 30,000 LF of striping in FY 25
 - About 25% to be restriped every year
 - Over 3,000 LF of short lines
 - Arrows, Crosswalks, Stop Bars

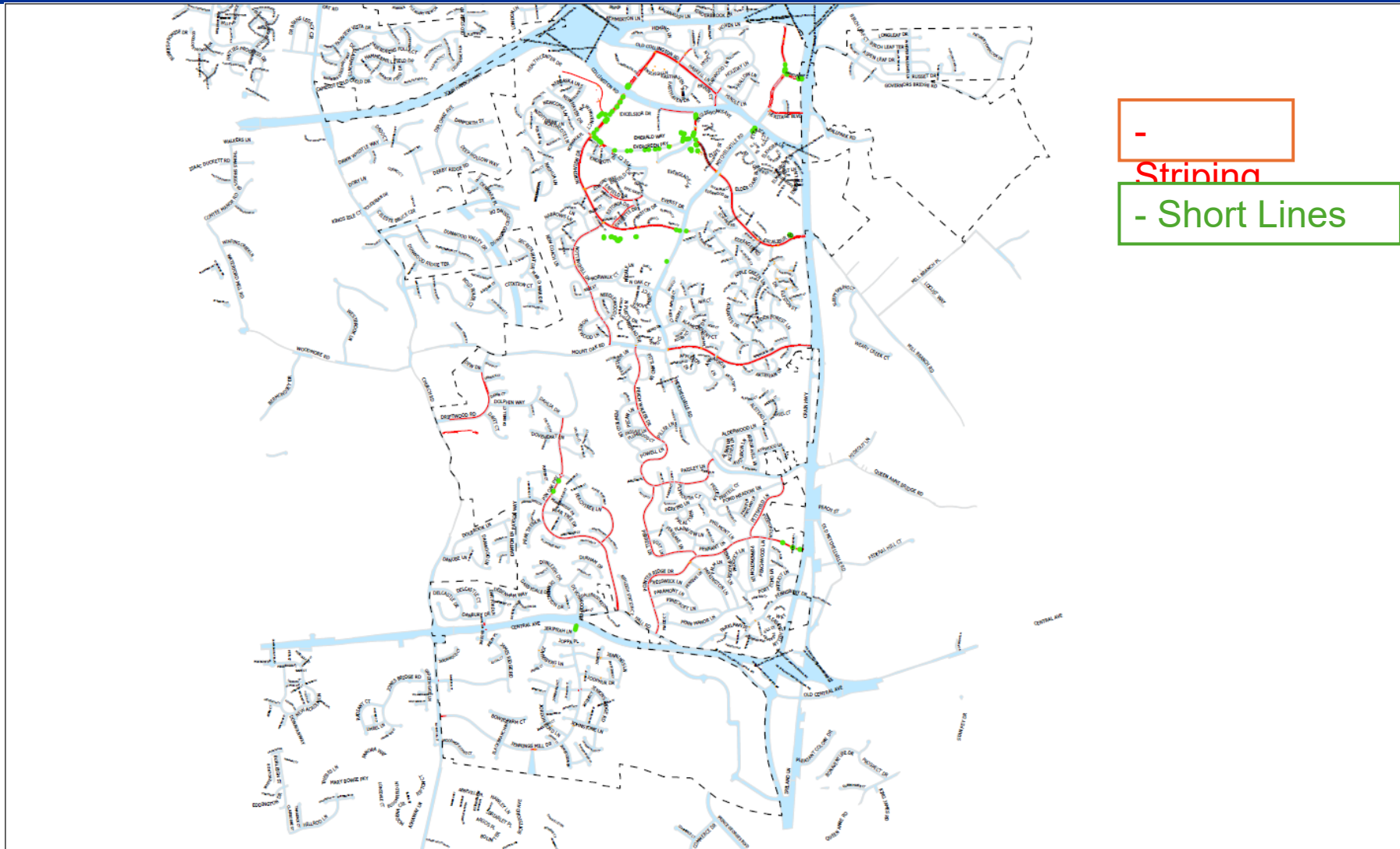
Streets

- Buckingham Dr
- Everette Dr
- Fred Robinson Way
- Millstream Dr
- Peach Walker Dr
- Pointer Ridge Dr
- Public Works Rd
- Steeplechase Dr
- Superior La
- Tulip Grove Dr

Striping (North of Bowie)



Striping (South of Bowie)



Radar Speed Signs

- Accomplishment FY25
 - Digital speed signs rotated across 9 streets
 - Ordered 3 additional signs

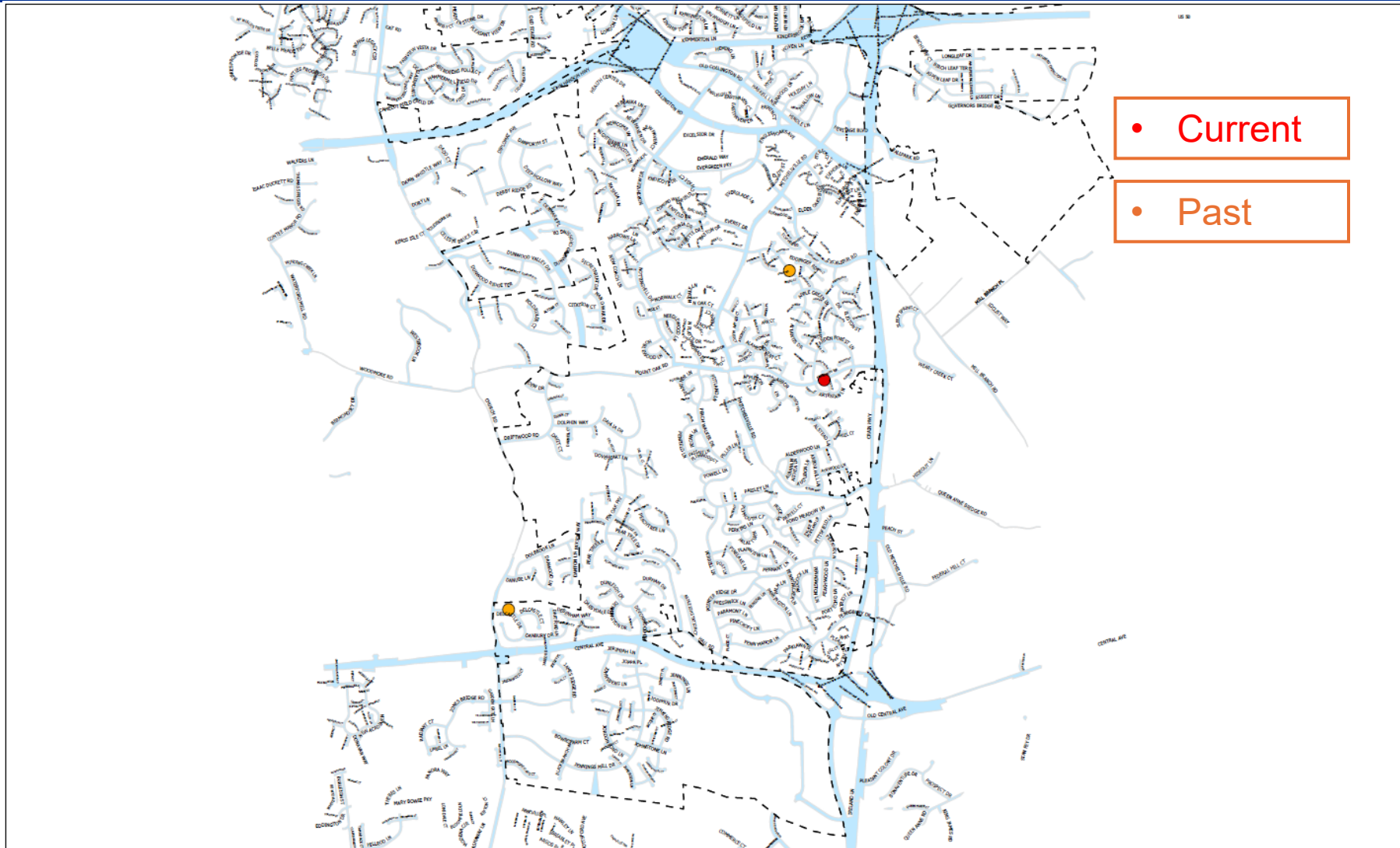
Streets

- Mount Oak Rd between Alembic & Artesian East (Pole M06)
- Moylan Drive by school Light Pole M188C
- 12915 Beechtree Lane (Pole B052C)
- 12803 Beaverdale Lane (Pole B014)
- 14306 Delcastle Drive (Pole D003)
- 3306 Atlantis Drive (Pole GA100)
- 4117 Whitehall Drive (Pole W108C)
- 12008 Whitehall Drive (Pole W116C)
- Public Works Road

Radar Speed Signs (North of Bowie)



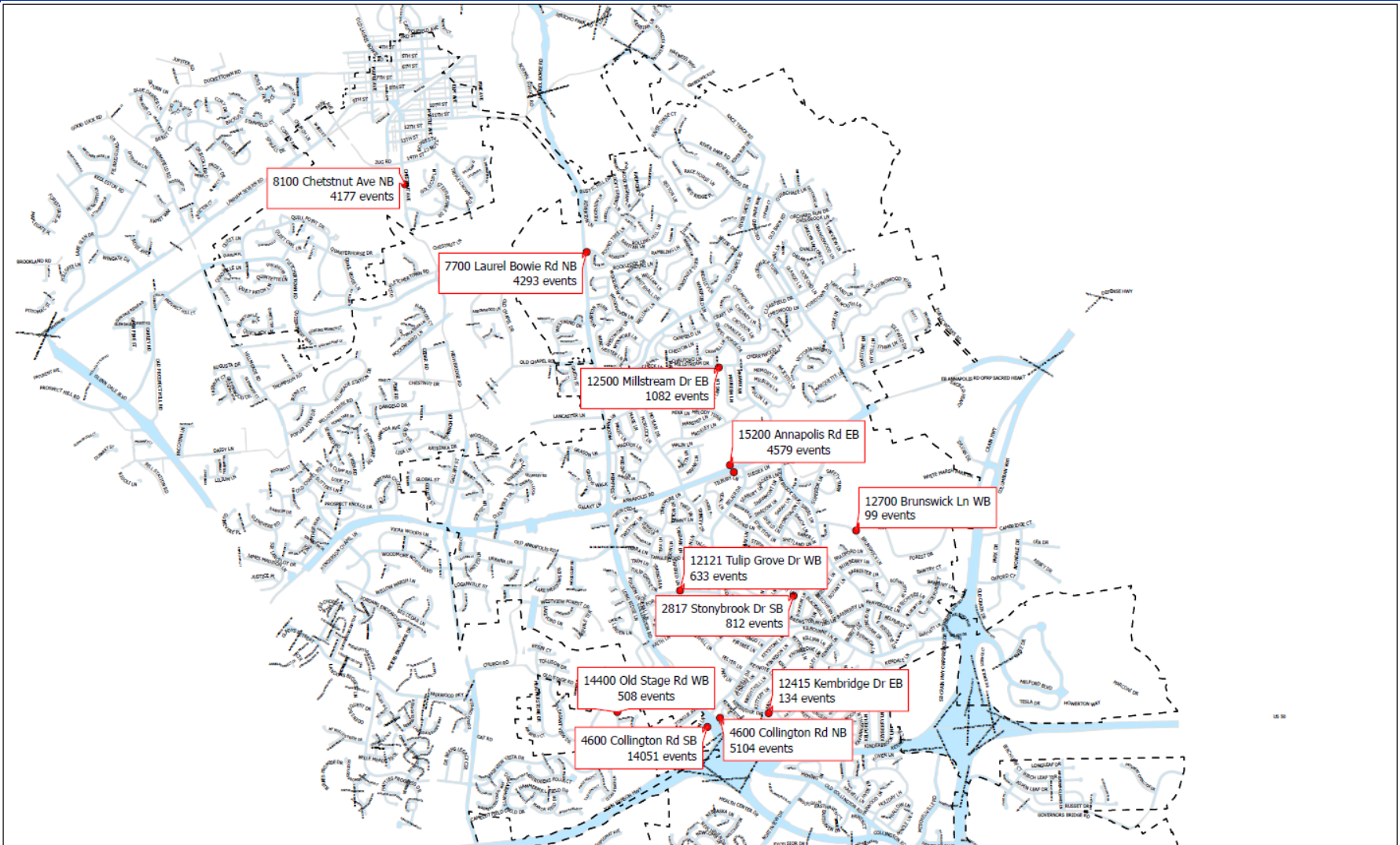
Radar Speed Signs (South of Bowie)



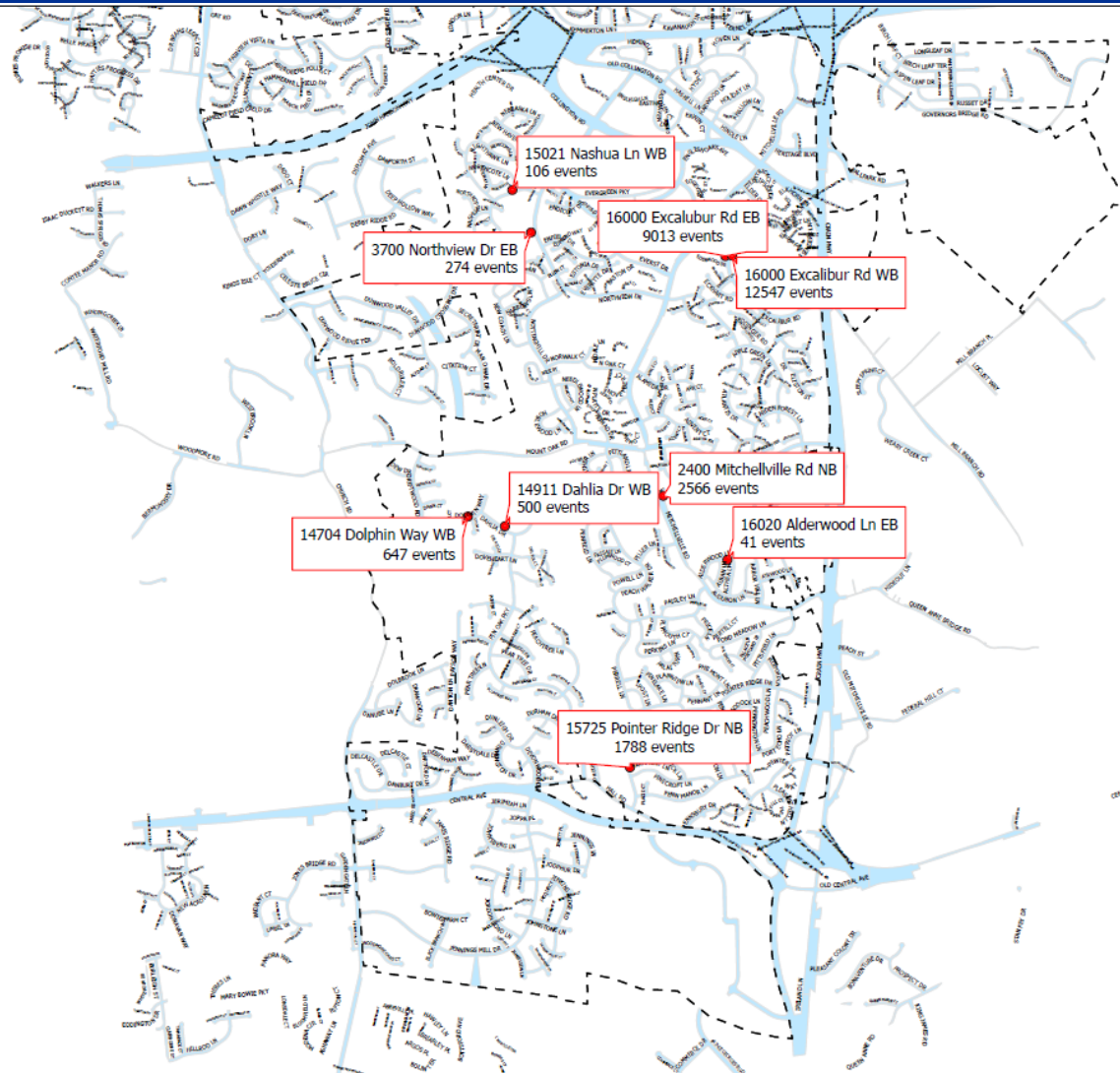
Speed Camera

- Statistics FY25
 - Location: 34
 - Days/Hours Enforced: 326 / 84,360
 - Violations Mailed: 50,312

Speed Camera (North of Bowie)



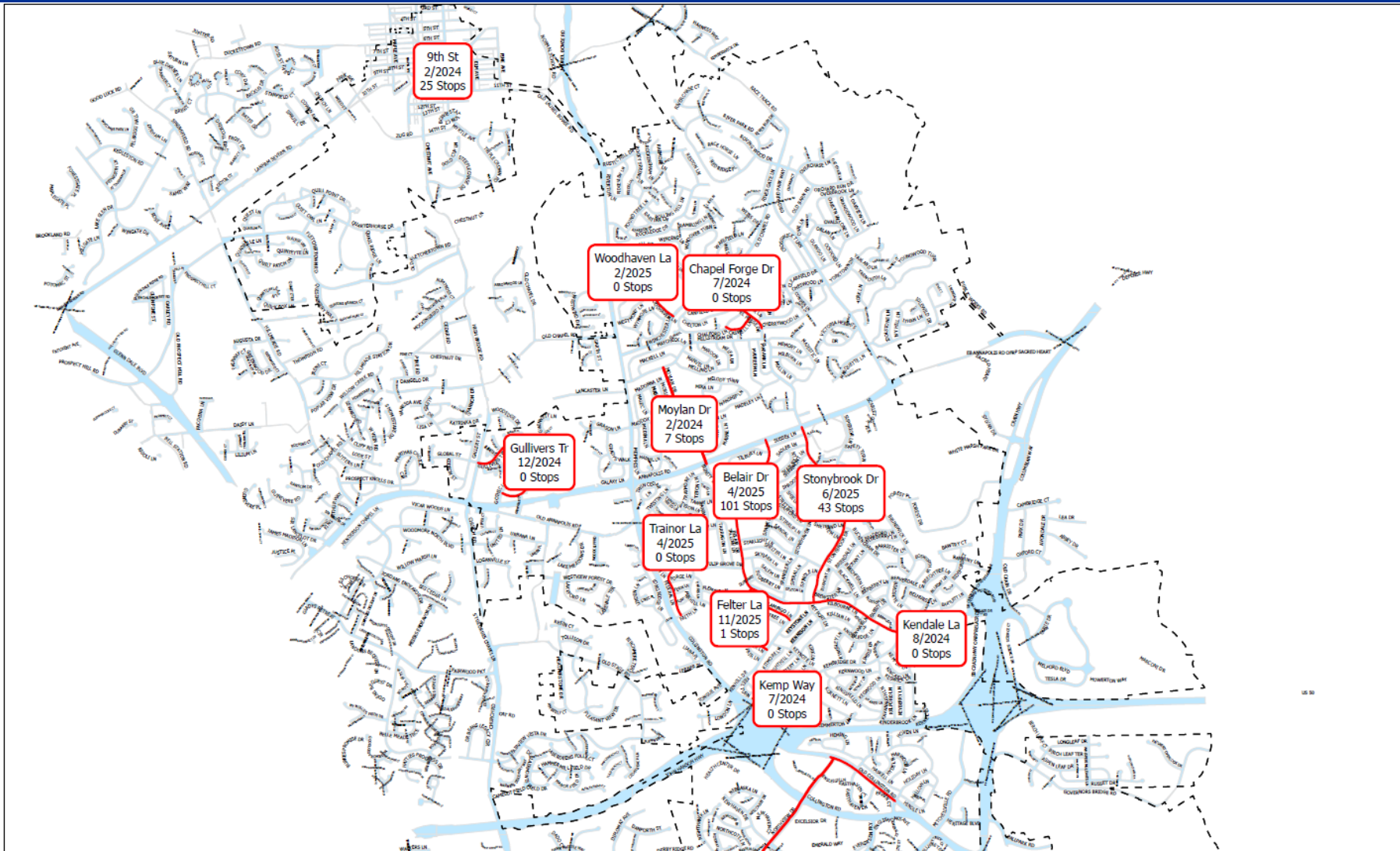
Speed Camera (South of Bowie)



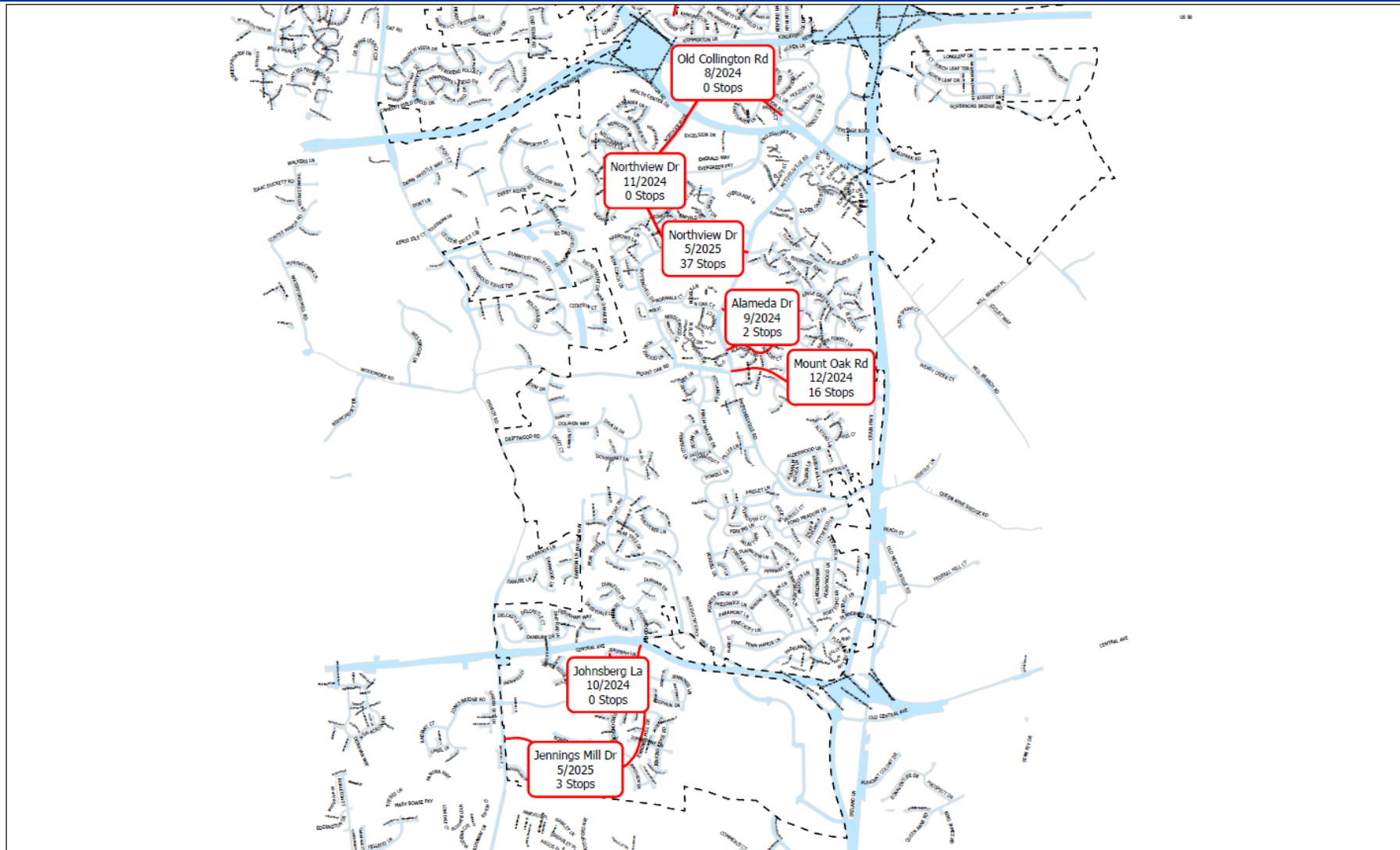
Directed Enforcement

- Statistics FY25
 - Location: 26
 - Total Stops: 292
 - Total Citations: 79
 - Total Warnings: 357
 - Total SEROs (Safety Equipment Repair Orders): 30

Enforcement (North of Bowie)



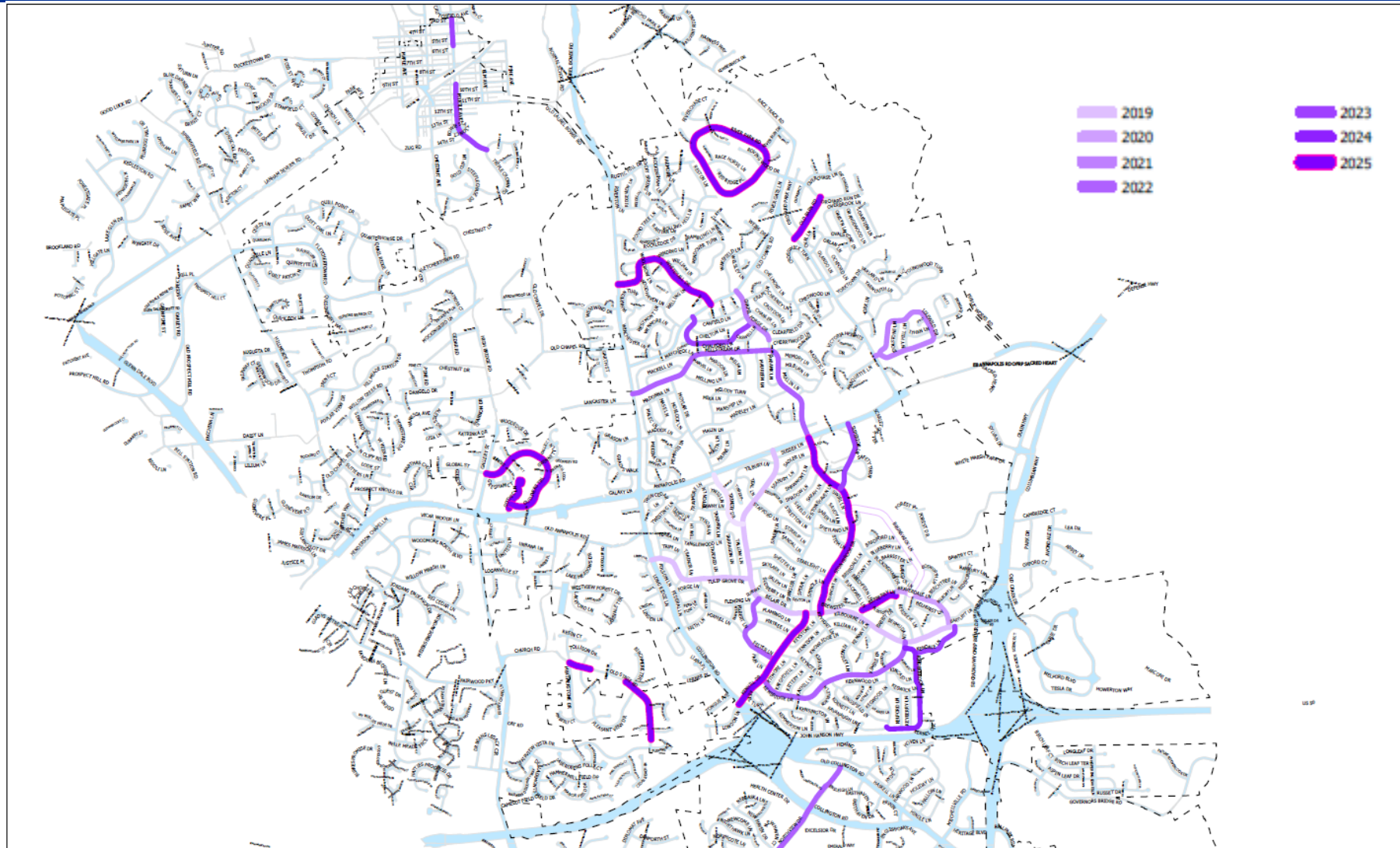
Enforcement (South of Bowie)



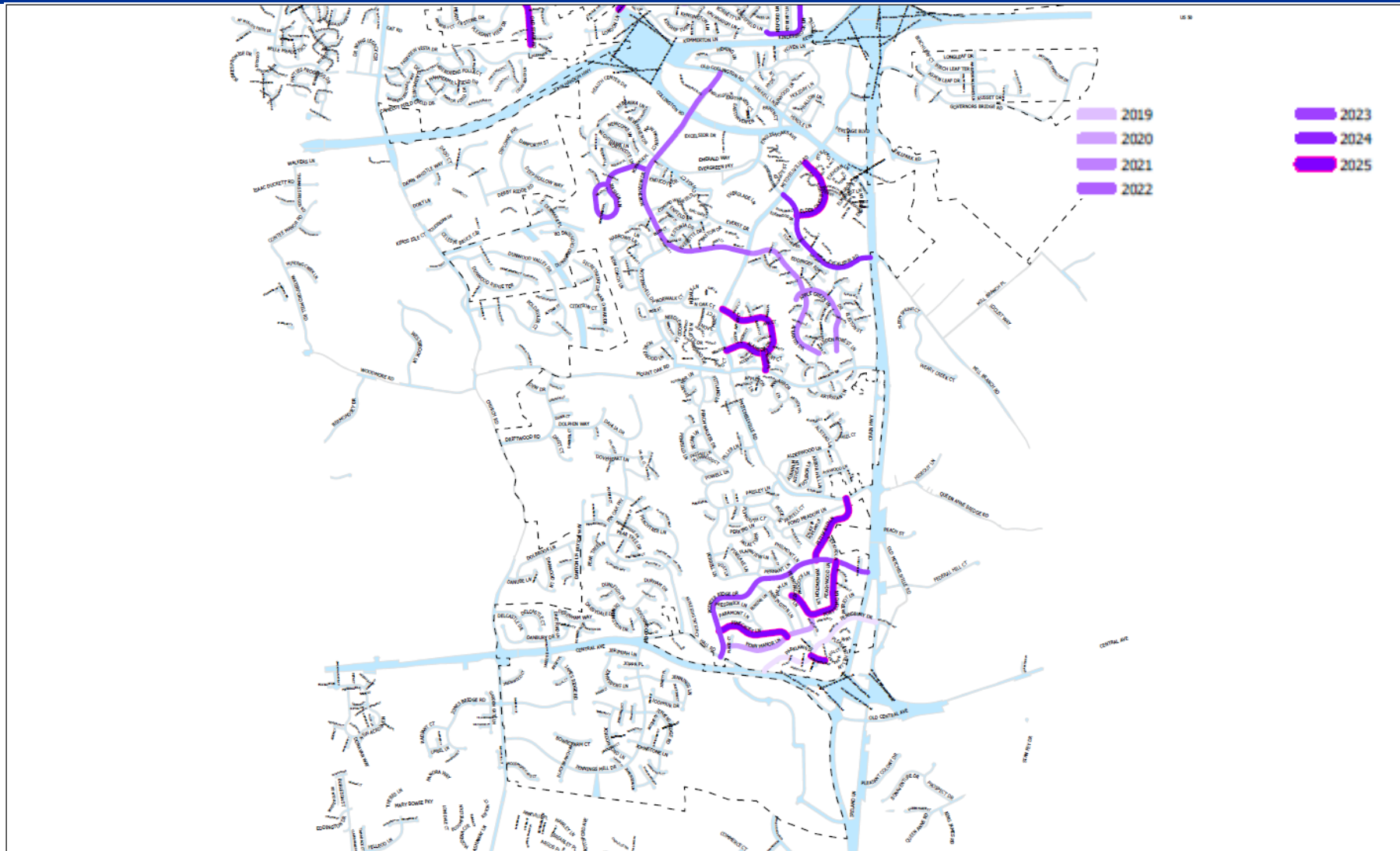
Traffic Study

- Accomplishment FY25
 - 17 traffic studies conducted
 - Ordered 1 additional traffic counter

Traffic Study (North of Bowie)



Traffic Study (South of Bowie)



Future Plans

- Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy (FY26)
 - Final draft being reviewed by staff
- Traffic Study
 - To perform a speed study on all city streets (FY 26 – FY 29)
 - To be updated every 5 years (FY 30)
- Speed Cameras and Radar speed signs
 - Quarterly review with a proactive approach to select locations
 - Traffic enforcement to be performed based on a traffic study
- Quarterly Report
 - Summary of activities and plans to be presented to the City Council



Questions

Police Department

Chief Dwayne Preston

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Public Works Department

Director Hyung Ahn

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Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Old Town Bowie Revitalization Update Thru June 30 2025

DATE: 07/03/2025

The City's consultant, Inncuvate Community Development Partners, will provide an update on their activity in Old Town Bowie.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20250707 - Old Town Bowie Inncuvate Presentation

Old Town Bowie Revitalization

Project Update.

July 7, 2025

Year 1 - Scope of Work

- Assessment and Planning
 - Rapid assessment of the current state
 - Validate revitalization strategy & plan
 - Establish steering committee/advisory board
 - Stakeholder engagement (Action Teams)
- Visioning and Fundraising
 - Forward looking vision
 - Fundraising plan
- Marketing and Communications
 - Story telling



Year 2 - Scope of Work

- Revitalization Plan Implementation
 - Develop list and track public space improvement projects that support revitalization vision
 - Enhance and supplement community programming
 - Stakeholder engagement
- Economic Development Support
 - Identify, target, and attract desirable business
 - Establish Old Town Bowie Maker District Hub
- Marketing, Communications, and Fundraising
 - Create a brand and campaign
 - Fundraising

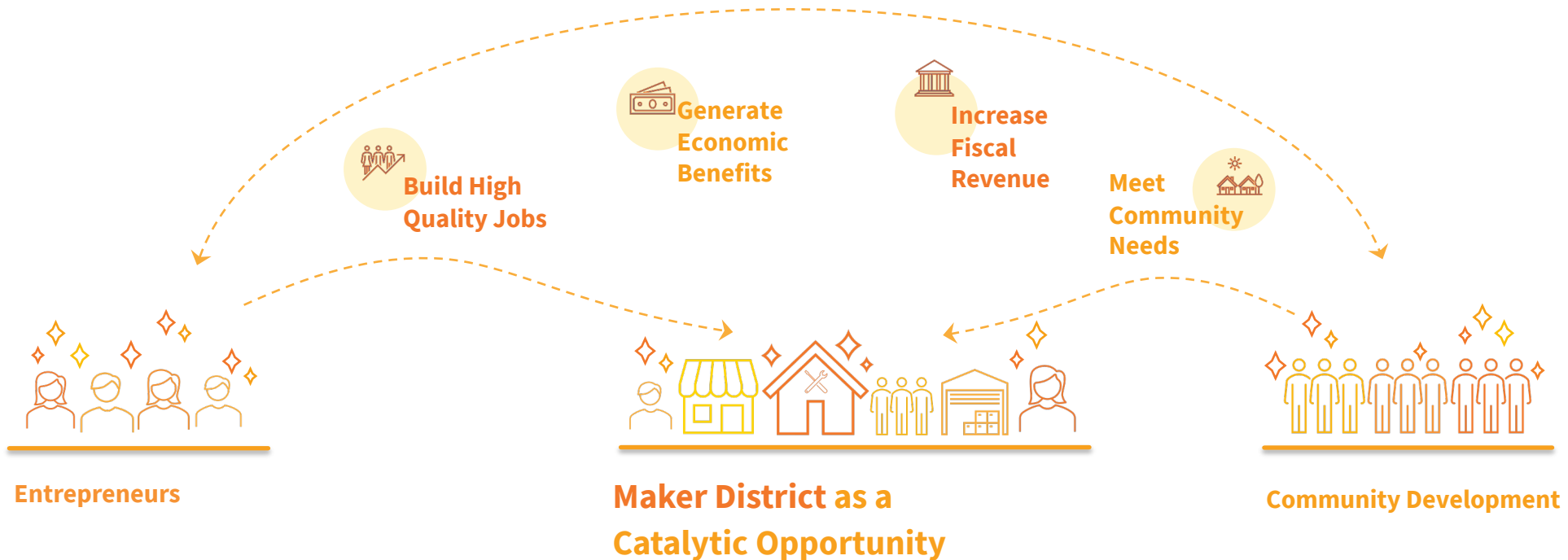




Maker District Opportunity

Old Town Bowie Maker District

Revitalizing Old Town Bowie as a Maker District will bring commercial amenities, placemaking, and a concentration of small-scale production – aligning with the community’s vision for the future and creating a strong economic development opportunity for the City of Bowie.



Maker District Economic Impact Snapshot



Small-Scale & Craft Manufacturing Jobs

- 50–100% higher pay than retail or service jobs
- Roles include food batchmakers, jewelers, textile workers, and craft artists



Typical Annual Revenue (Select Sectors)

- \$40K–\$250K for early-stage artisan producers
- >\$250K+ for scalable food brands/e-commerce



Maker Industry Growth Outlook (Prince George's County, 2022–2032)

- Food Batchmakers: +16%
- Woodworkers: +14%
- Craft Artists: +6%



OLD TOWN BOWE

Brand Identity

Brand – Crafted in Bowie!

**Crafted
In
Bowie!**

- Tagline:
 - Where History Meets Handmade
- Defining Words:
 - Rooted. Crafted. Connected.
- Narrative:
 - Historic charm meets contemporary maker culture, positioning Old Town Bowie as a vibrant creative and manufacturing district

Core Values

- **Creativity** – Celebrating artistic expression and innovation.
- **Community Empowerment** – Building economic mobility through entrepreneurship.
- **Inclusivity** – Reflecting Bowie's diversity across demographics and disciplines.
- **Authenticity** – Highlighting locally made products and experiences.
- **Collaboration** – Fostering partnerships among artisans, institutions, and the city.
- **Sustainability** – Promoting eco-friendly practices and reuse of historic spaces.
- **Accessibility** – Ensuring opportunities and space are available for all.
- **Pride of Place** – Embracing Bowie's legacy and community spirit.



Additional Support & Perspectives

Additional Support

Year 1



- Determined what kind of makerspaces make sense in Old Town Bowie, the benefits of these makerspaces, and the best practices to consider.



- Made recommendations focused on the success of the broader maker district and how to build the small-scale manufacturing ecosystem.

Year 2



- Refinement of the Crafted in Bowie and maker district brand to include physical, digital assets, and signage for marketing and promotion.

ReCast City Recommendations



- Establish an "Old Town Bowie or Bowie Community Land Trust" for Commercial Properties
- Launch a Food & Beverage Micro-Festival Series

Potential Anchor Tenant Perspective

- Mr. Dale Smith – Cofounder Samosa Supreme Company





Initial District Makerspace Concepts

The Stovehouse

- Purpose and Function: Culinary makerspace that serves as a social and entrepreneurial anchor.
- Core Uses: Shared commercial kitchen, café, food pop-ups, culinary training.
- Alignment with Maker District Ethos: Ignites community engagement through food, celebrating local flavors and creating culinary jobs.



Thread & Timber

- Purpose and Function: Craft production space supporting textile, home goods, and accessory makers.
- Core Uses: Sewing stations, ceramic tools, jewelry benches, retail pop-up space.
- Alignment with Maker District Ethos: Rooted in handmade tradition, it elevates creative entrepreneurship and craftsmanship.



Fab'rik

- Purpose and Function: Youth-focused fashion and arts lab empowering creatives with business skills.
- Core Uses: Fashion design, branding labs, sewing, fashion shows, business development.
- Alignment with Maker District Ethos: Empowers the next generation of makers, particularly underserved youth, in creative entrepreneurship.





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