

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

PRESENTATION ON THE SUSQUEHANNA RAIL BRIDGE PROJECT

JUNE 10, 2024

Background Information:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is planning to improve the Susquehanna Rail Bridge between the City of Havre de Grace in Harford County, Maryland and the Town of Perryville in Cecil County, Maryland. In 2016, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) was initially contacted about the project and was advised that modifications would need to be made to the existing track and field facilities located at Havre de Grace Middle/ High School, also known as Harris Field, to accommodate the project. As owner and operator of the Susquehanna Rail Bridge, Amtrak submitted a School-Organization Sponsored Project Request for the improvements at Harris Field, which was approved by the Board on April 29, 2024.

Discussion:

In line with their Public Outreach & Community Engagement strategy for the project, the Susquehanna Rail Bridge Project/ AMTRAK representatives are present to inform to the Board and to address any questions on the plans for the railroad improvement project. The information provided included:

- Project Overview
- Project Status
- Proposed Harris Field Improvements
 - Board approved School/Organization Sponsored Project April 29, 2024
- Public Outreach & Community Engagement

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept this informational report and presentation of the Susquehanna Rail Bridge Project.