

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: February 28, 2006

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Office of Transportation Bus Facility Proposal**

ORIGINATOR: J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

RESOURCE

PERSON(S): Don Dent, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the Office of Transportation bus facility proposal.

Background Information: The existing bus lots are at capacity. The proposal will provide an opportunity for the Office of Transportation to improve facilities and gain additional bus lots and parking.

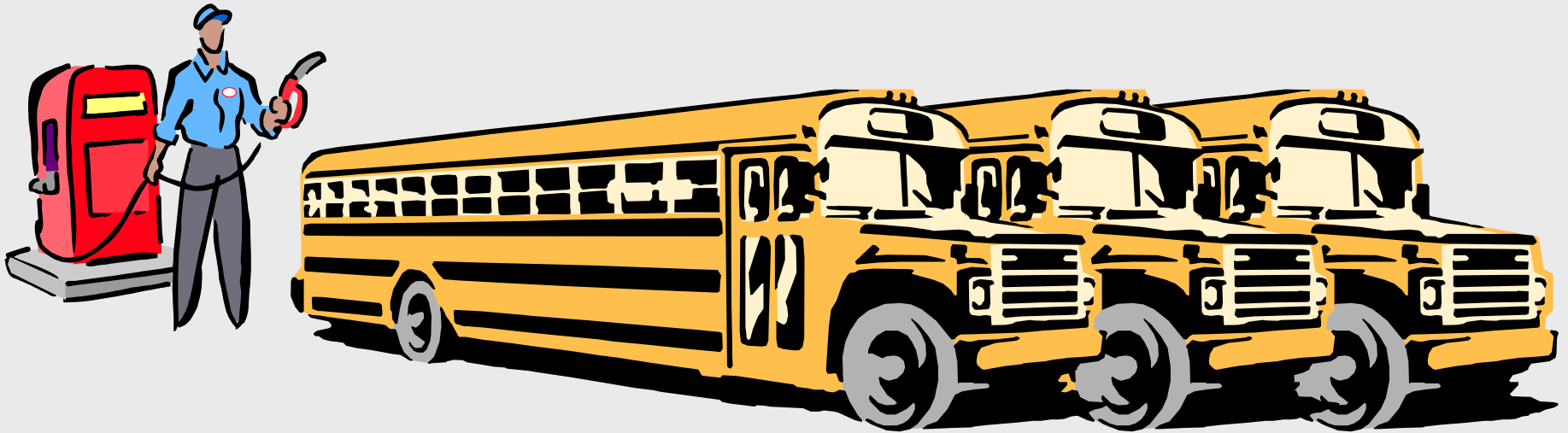
BCPS will be adding additional bus lots in areas of need. BCPS will exchange two properties with the county, one existing bus lot with minimal improvements and a vacant parcel. As a result of the exchange, Baltimore County Government will provide BCPS with up-to-date bus lots and facilities for drivers and mechanics in four areas of Baltimore County.

Estimated Operating Funds Fiscal Impact: \$ N/A

Possible Funding Source: N/A

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Department of Planning and Support Operations

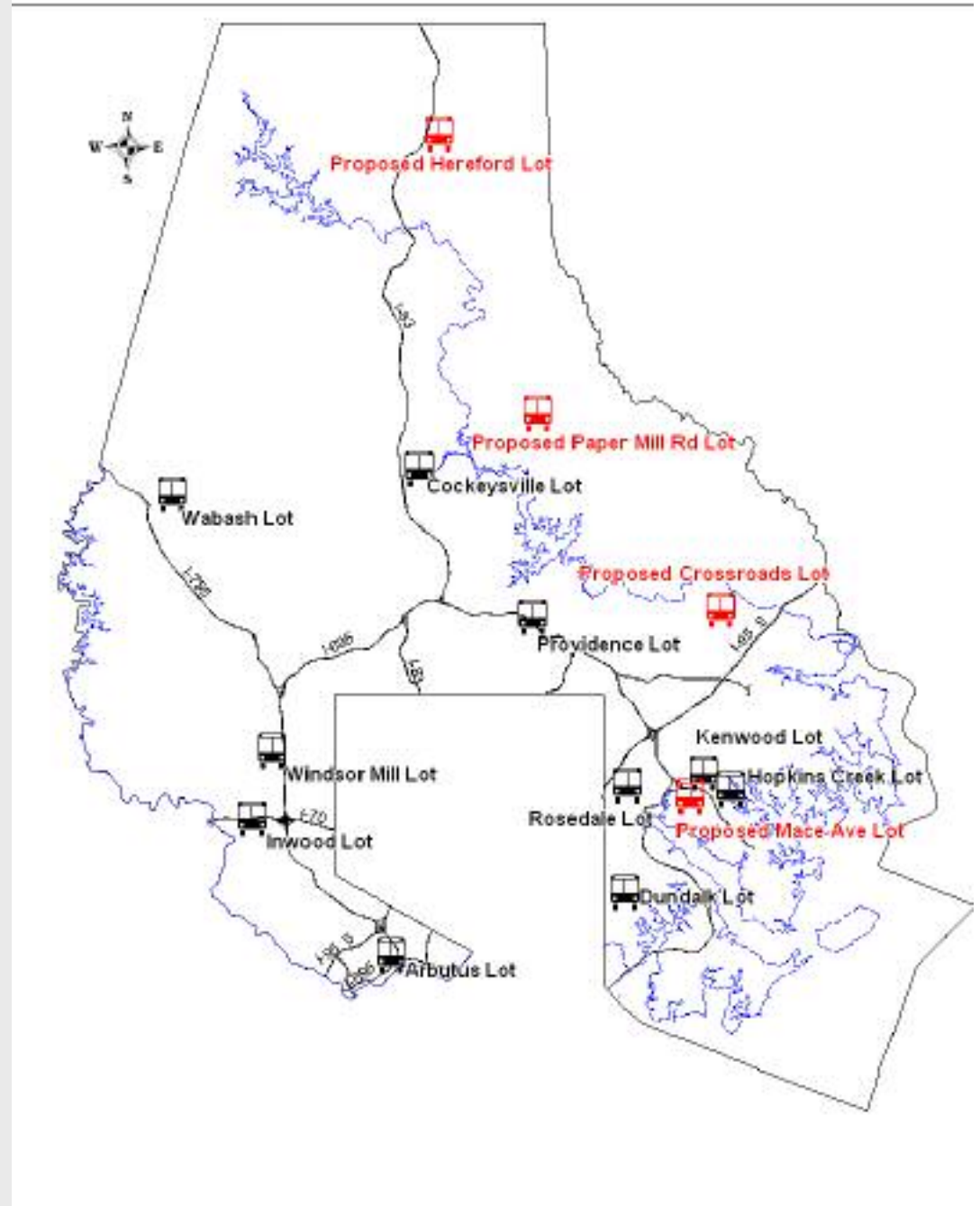
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BCPS Bus Facility Overview

- Current BCPS bus fleet consists of 853 buses
- There are 10 bus lots with parking for 817 buses
 - 48 buses serving the Hereford area park at private residences
- The fleet will increase to 889 buses for the 2006-2007 school year
- The FY07 budget request will increase the fleet to 912 for the 2007-2008 school year
- The lease at the Arbutus Bus Facility will terminate on January 4, 2007

Current and Proposed Bus Facilities

	Capacity
1. Arbutus Lot (Leased)	63
2. Inwood Lot	58
3. Windsor Mill Lot	73
4. Wabash Lot	91
5. Cockeyville Lot	135
6. Providence Lot	76
7. Rosedale Lot	72
8. Kenwood Lot	81
9. Hopkins Creek Lot	80
10. Dundalk Lot	88
11. Proposed Crossroads Lot	50
12. Proposed Mace Ave. Lot	40
13. Proposed Paper Mill Rd Lot	40
14. Proposed Hereford Lot	40



Bus Facility Proposal

The proposal is to exchange the Weber Avenue (Hopkins Creek Bus Facility/18 acres) and Crossroads (vacant 11 acre site) properties with the Baltimore County Government to obtain additional bus facilities at the following locations:

	<u>Capacity</u>
• Crossroads and Route 43	50
• Paper Mill Senior Center	40
• Mace Avenue – Essex Precinct 11	40
• Hereford Ambulance Services	40
• Acquisition of land in Arbutus to construct a Baltimore County Library and BCPS Bus Facility	70

Weber Avenue Site



Proposed Bus Facilities



Each to include:

- 2-bay garage for bus maintenance and repairs
- Dispatch office
- Turnout room for drivers and attendants
- Restroom facilities
- Fenced, paved, and lined parking for buses and employee vehicles
- Fueling for gas and diesel

Overall Benefits

- Improved facilities
- Increased parking capacity
- Increased maintenance productivity
- Reduced dead-head mileage for bus routes