

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 26, 2024  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mark Bellamy, County Administrator



**SUBJECT:** Amending Budget Appropriation for Yorktown Waterfront Improvements

As you know, the State budget currently allocates \$7.5 million for enhancements related to cruise ship visits to Yorktown. In December of 2023, County staff had discussions with the Departments of Transportation, Commerce, and Trade and the Virginia Tourism Corporation to outline our proposed plans and the allocation of these funds. However, the language in the appropriation is tied solely to the construction of a pier, a requirement initially proposed by Princess Cruise Lines but deemed unrealistic by state and U.S. Navy authorities over the past year.

In light of this, it was suggested during the meeting that we seek to amend the authorization to provide a clearer definition of the intended projects for these funds. To this end, we have contacted Ms. Kim McKay of the House Appropriations Committee and Ms. Kendra Shifflett of the Senate Appropriations Committee to discuss this matter and gather their insights. Additionally, we sent a letter to Senator Diggs and Delegate Green, requesting the support of this request.

Last week, we were informed by Senator Diggs that since Princess Cruise Lines had canceled their visit to Yorktown, the funds would not be available for our use.

Please let me know if you have any questions on this matter.