



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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County Executive

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2016

TO: Interested Readers

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: FY17 Operating and Capital Budgets
FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

These volumes contain the Approved FY17 Operating and Capital Budgets and the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Montgomery County. In accordance with the law and after receiving my recommendations and the advice of interested parties through public hearings and other means, the County Council approved the budgets on May 26, 2016, for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

The total Council approved FY17 Operating Budget from all sources of funds is \$5,301.8 billion, an increase of \$219.1 million or 4.3 percent from the Approved FY16 Budget. Because Capital Budget appropriations can be made for multiple fiscal years, comparisons of the Capital Budget from one fiscal year to the next do not provide useful information.

In April, as a result of State legislation that extended the repayment schedule for Counties to comply with the Supreme Court's decision in the Wynne case, I amended my FY17 recommended operating budget to reduce my proposed property tax increase from 3.9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to 2.1 cents – a 46 percent reduction. In May, the Council did not agree to act on this reduction. Therefore, this budget includes a 3.9 cent property tax rate increase. This budget continues the strategic restoration of some of our most important services that were dramatically reduced as the County faced serious budget challenges. In particular, as recommended by me, the approved budget increased funding for Montgomery County Public Schools by \$139.1 million, allowing the Board of Education to make important improvements in class size and programs to address the achievement gap. Additionally, this budget continues efforts to restore and improve library service, public safety resources, and funding for affordable housing programs.

As detailed in the budget highlights and in the appropriate departmental sections, these budgets continue to support what I believe are our most important shared priorities:

- A Responsive and Accountable County Government
- Affordable Housing in an Inclusive Community
- An Effective and Efficient Transportation Network
- Children Prepared to Live and Learn
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities
- Safe Streets and Secure Neighborhoods
- A Strong and Vibrant Economy
- Vital Living for All of Our Residents

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In order to reduce costs and minimize our use of paper, we have provided an abbreviated version of the Operating Budget for each County Government Department. You may view a more detailed description of each department's budget by visiting the Office of Management and Budget webpage at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb.

You are invited to read the contents of these volumes for a description of the Approved Operating and Capital Budgets and CIP. Please call the Office of Management and Budget at (240) 777-2800 for further information. This information is also available on the Internet on the Montgomery County home page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb.