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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Interested Readers

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive

SUBJECT: FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets and
FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

These publications contain the Approved FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets and amendments to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Montgomery County.

When I released my recommended operating budget in March, the World Health Organization had just declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic. As the months progressed, the expectation that the number of coronavirus cases would grow rapidly in Maryland and Montgomery County became a reality. To slow the spread of the disease, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency and issued Executive Orders that included closing schools, most businesses, government offices, and many non-profit service providers; limiting the number of people that can gather together; and a stay at home order for all but critically essential trips and services.

I applaud and appreciate the Council's unanimous support as we took immediate steps to respond to the COVID-19 crisis by enacting special appropriations to assist impacted local employers; to aid residents with food, housing and childcare; to equip first responders, medical professionals, and other critical front-line staff; and to expand local hospital capacity.

The total Council approved FY21 Operating Budget from all sources of funds is an increase of $79.6 million or 1.4 percent from the approved FY20 Budget. The approved tax-supported Operating Budget is $5.063 billion, an increase of $29.9 million or 0.6 percent from the approved FY20 Budget. The budget reflects a property tax rate of $0.9785 per $100 of assessed value. This property tax rate is within the County's Charter Limit.

The approved FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program for Montgomery County includes $4.351 billion for important Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery County Government, Montgomery College, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Housing Opportunities Commission, and Revenue Authority projects. Additionally, $1.670 billion has been

approved for the FY21-26 CIP for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

These budgets address the most pressing needs of our growing community including funding for the Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College. We are now in the difficult situation of balancing the County's normal operations while expanding services to address the public health crisis during a time of great economic disruption. To accomplish this task, the County Government must aggressively seek Federal and State reimbursement for any and all eligible costs. As part of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act), we have already received $183 million to help address response activities.

As detailed in the appropriate departmental sections, the Approved FY21 Operating and Capital Budgets continue to support my priority outcomes:

- Thriving Youth and Families
- A Growing Economy
- A Greener County
- Easier Commutes
- More Affordable and Welcoming County
- Safe Neighborhoods
- Effective, Sustainable Government

Additional information about these budgets can be obtained by visiting the Office of Management and Budget webpage at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb. This website provides a searchable, user-friendly means of accessing detailed budget information regarding the Approved Operating and Capital Budgets and CIP. Please call the Office of Management and Budget at 240-777-2800 for further information.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to make Montgomery County better for all.

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