

# COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



## Week of March 18, 2019

**Managed Lanes Study, Asphalt Sealant, Non-Merit Positions, MCEDC: Leveraging the County's Assets for Business Attraction and Retention, Animal Boarding and Care, Lead in Drinking Water in Public Schools, Accessory Residential Units, Preventing Homelessness, Metro Purple Line, Vision Zero, CIP for Montgomery College**

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

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## COUNCIL

### **Managed Lanes Study**

On Tuesday, March 19 at 9:40 a.m. the Council will receive a briefing on the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration's (SHA) Managed Lanes Study of I-270 and I-495. On Friday, March 15 the full Council and County Executive Marc Elrich sent a letter to Secretary Pete K. Rahn of MDOT expressing concern about the sequencing and scope of the improvements to I-270 and I-495 proposed by SHA, as well as MDOT's lack of engagement on potential alternatives including transit alternatives and transportation systems management. The letter discusses the potential impact on congestion and the environment of the proposed changes and requests a revised approach to phasing in those changes. This and other topics will be discussed at Tuesday's briefing. The Council staff report will be available [at this page](#) on March 18.

### **Bill 8-19, Erosion, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management - Asphalt Sealing Products**

The Council will introduce Bill 8-19, Erosion, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management - Asphalt Sealing Products. Councilmember Craig Rice is the lead sponsor. Bill 8-19 would prohibit the use of a sealant to cover an asphalt or concrete surface, including a driveway or parking area, in the County that

contains more than 0.1 percent Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH). The bill also would require the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a system to approve alternative sealants that would comply with this law. The goal of this legislation is to help protect the environment by eliminating the introduction of PAH into the environment through asphalt sealants. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 23. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_4A.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_4A.pdf)

Key search terms for this legislation on the Council's website include: asphalt, sealant, driveways and parking lots. #AsphaltSealant is being used for this bill on social media.

### **Expedited Bill 3-19, Administration - Executive Branch - Non-Merit Positions**

The Council is scheduled to vote on Expedited Bill 3-19, Administration - Executive Branch - Non-Merit Positions. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. Bill 3-19 and its accompanying Executive Regulation would create the following new non-merit positions:

- Chief Labor Relations Officer - Office of the County Executive
- Chief Digital Officer - Office of the County Executive
- Chief Equity Officer- Office of the County Executive

It would convert the following merit MI positions to non-merit positions:

- Deputy Director - Department of Housing and Community Affairs (vacant)
- Deputy Director for Results - Office of Management and Budget (vacant)
- Deputy Director - Department of General Services (occupied)
- Deputy Director of Operations - Department of Transportation (occupied)
- Chief Broadband Officer - Department of Technology Services (occupied)
- Chief Data Officer- Department of Technology Services (occupied)

It also would rename a Deputy Director of DOT to "Transportation Policy Officer" (an existing non-merit position). The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee recommends enactment with amendments. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_5A.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_5A.pdf)

### **Leveraging the County's Assets for Business Attraction and Retention**

The Council will hold a discussion on leveraging the County's assets to attract and retain businesses. The conversation will focus on the following topics:

- The Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation's (MCEDC) prospecting pipeline;
- Leveraging investments in specific areas, like Wheaton, to grow the County's businesses;
- Leveraging the County's assets to assist small businesses;
- How MCEDC identifies special projects and how it plans to support additional ones; and
- Addressing challenges and balancing input from a diverse set of stakeholders

The following representatives of MCEDC are expected to attend: David Petr, CEO and President; Bill Tompkins, COO; Stacey Hardy, Vice President of Operations; Sarah Miller, Vice President of Strategy. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_11.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_11.pdf)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

All public hearings will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

### **Corrective Map Amendment: H-130 for Takoma Park Master Plan**

The Council will hold a public hearing on Corrective Map Amendment: H-130 for Takoma Park Master Plan. This amendment would correct technical errors that occurred inadvertently and resulted in three split-zoned parcels along Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park. A Planning, Housing and Economic Development

(PHED) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 25. The Council staff report can be viewed at: [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_6.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_6.pdf)

-  **Zoning Text Amendment 19-03, Commercial/Residential Zones - Animal Boarding and Care**  
The Council will hold a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment 19-03, Commercial/Residential Zones - Animal Boarding and Care. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. A PHED Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 1. The Council staff report can be viewed at:  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_7.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_7.pdf)

-  **Bill 2-19, Health - Lead in Drinking Water - Schools**  
**Resolution to adopt Bill 2-19, Health - Lead in Drinking Water - Schools as a Board of Health Regulation**  
The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 2-19, Health - Lead in Drinking Water - Schools and on a resolution to adopt Bill 2-19 as a Board of Health Regulation. Councilmember Tom Hucker is the lead sponsor. Council President Nancy Navarro, Council Vice President Sidney Katz and Councilmembers Hans Riemer, Gabe Albornoz, Will Jawando, Craig Rice, Andrew Friedson and Evan Glass are cosponsors. A Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 25. The Council staff report can be viewed at:  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_8-9.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_8-9.pdf)

Key search terms for this legislation on the Council's website include: lead, water, water fountains, schools and health. #SafeWater4Students is being used for this bill on social media.

-  **Special appropriation to MCPS' FY19 Operating Budget - \$384,986 for Emergency Impact Aid grant (Source: Maryland State Department of Education grant)**  
The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation to MCPS' FY19 Operating Budget - \$384,986 for Emergency Impact Aid grant. The source of the funds for this appropriation is the Maryland State Department of Education grant. The Council staff report can be viewed at:  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319\\_10.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190319/20190319_10.pdf)

## COMMITTEE

-  **Zoning Text Amendment 19-01, Accessory Residential Uses-Accessory Apartments**  
On March 18 at 2 p.m. the PHED Committee will continue reviewing the zoning changes recommended for accessory dwelling units (ADU's). The goal of ZTA 19-01 is to increase affordable housing options for residents. Councilmember Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. The Committee may make recommendations at its next meeting on March 28. ADU's are dwelling units that are secondary to one's principle residence and are also known as accessory apartments or in-law suites. The Council staff report can be viewed at:  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190318/20190318\\_PHED1.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190318/20190318_PHED1.pdf)
-  **Services to End and Prevent Homelessness and the Continuum of Care**  
On March 21 at 9:30 a.m. the PHED and HHS Committee will have a briefing and discussion on national and county trends regarding homelessness and the County's Coordinated Entry system. The overview will describe the County's Continuum of Care and how coordinated entry has assisted the County's in targeting efforts on veterans' homeless and housing chronically homeless adults. The Council staff report will be available on March 19.

-  **Purple Line Transit Partners and Maryland Transit Administration**

At 2 p.m. the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee will receive a briefing from representatives of Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP) and Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) on the progress of construction of the Metro's Purple Line. Charles Lattuca, Executive Director for Transit Development at MTA and Fred Craig, CEO of PLTP, are among those expected to attend. The Council staff report will be available on March 19.

 **Vision Zero**

The T&E Committee also will receive a briefing on Vision Zero. The County implemented this long-term plan to help eliminate fatalities and severe injuries on our roads by 2030. The County's plan puts resources in place to reduce severe and fatal collisions on County roads by 35 percent for vehicle occupants, bicyclists, and pedestrians, by November 2019. Action items in the plan are organized into five key areas: engineering, enforcement, education and training, traffic incident management, and law, policy and advocacy. The Council staff report will be available on March 19.

 **Capital Improvements Program Amendments - Montgomery College**

At 2 p.m. the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will hold its initial discussion on Montgomery College's Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Capital Budget request and amendments to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Montgomery College's amended six-year total CIP request is \$304 million, a \$26.7 million (9.6 percent) increase over the FY19-24 Approved CIP. The County Executive recommends an amended six-year total of \$279.6 million, a \$2.3 million increase (0.8 percent) from the current approved CIP but a \$24.4 million reduction (8 percent) from the College's request. The Council staff report will be available on March 19.