



September 23, 2025

Testimony to the Montgomery County Council

Re: Resolution to Approve a Special Appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget for the Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor Transportation Study

Dear Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) supports a balanced system of transportation, transportation services, transportation information and solutions to current and future county transportation needs.

The **Resolution to approve a Special Appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor Transportation Study** calls for a special appropriation to fund a comprehensive assessment of travel needs from the Montgomery Village to the Clarksburg area of Montgomery County.

This study should successfully identify the needs of the residents in Upper Montgomery County and how those needs correspond with the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways as well as produce a timeline to make those improvements. The LWVMC believes that Upper Montgomery County could be better served by a transit system to other areas in the county, as opposed to expanding existing roads or adding supplementary roads.

Since the assessment was recommended in the 2025 Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, there should be no conflict of interest. This would be money well spent and **the LWVMC strongly urges your support of this study.**

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