

Resolution No: 16-567
Introduced: April 29, 2008
Adopted: May 15, 2008

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #08-224 to the FY08 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Public Works and Transportation
State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation
Safe Routes to School Program Grant, \$380,700

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY08 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Public Works and Transportation:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$102,000	\$278,700	\$0	\$380,700	State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School Program Grant

3. The Executive is recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY08 Operating Budget of the Department of Public Works and Transportation in the amount of \$380,700 for the State way Highway Administration (SHA), Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Grant. This appropriation will fund various engineering, enforcement and educational activities outlined in the SRTS Program Grant as follows:
 - a. Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
 - b. Make walking and bicycling to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative; thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
 - c. Facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and the air pollution in the vicinity of schools (within two miles).
 - d. Provide a full-time SRTS Coordinator to lead countywide encouragement, education and evaluation efforts identified in the scope of work.
 - e. Fund engineering investments and enforcement actions identified at schools to facilitate safe pedestrian travel by students. These activities are described as follows:
 1. School Access and Safety Engineering Program. Conduct comprehensive school zone safety assessments and implement improvements at eleven schools by collecting vehicular speed/volume data, pedestrian data, confirming existing school zone signing and pavement markings, conducting field observations, and partnering with MCPS representatives to ensure that all safety concerns are known and considered.
 2. School Access and Safety Engineering Program - Consultant Services. On-call consultant services will be used to augment County staff conducting the School Access and Safety Engineering Program, by providing technical analysis and concept development for particularly challenging SRTS engineering issues, such as speed studies, pedestrian crossing design, and design of innovative treatments.
 3. Enforcement. Enhance pedestrian safety in the areas surrounding the targeted school zones. The County will engage in a multi-disciplined approach to increase the level of safety and awareness in the targeted areas. Enforcement operations will consist of officers on motorcycles and in patrol cars conducting a total of 24 speed and pedestrian safety operations in the affected areas.

4. The Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY08 Operating Budget in the amount of \$380,700 for Safe Routes to School and specifies the source of funds as the State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School Program Grant.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

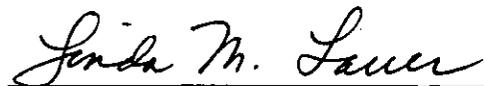
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY08 Operating Budget of the Department of Public Works and Transportation is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council