

Resolution No.: 18-50
Introduced: January 20, 2015
Adopted: January 27, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Navarro and Riemer

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY15 Operating Budget, Department of Technology Services (DTS) -- \$360,000 to establish a Network Operations Center (NOC) to monitor FiberNet (Source: General Fund Reserves)

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation:
(a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. FiberNet provides critical County infrastructure and service where availability and continuity of communications and services to the six agencies represented on the Interagency Technology Coordination and Policy Committee – County Government, MCPS, Montgomery College, M-NCPPC, HOC, and WSSC – are essential. The expansion of FiberNet increases exposure to faults and failures and drives the compelling need for a NOC that is equipped to monitor network operations and identify component failures proactively where prompt response to failures exceeds the current “best effort” environment. When completed, FiberNet will consist of about 700 miles of County owned, operated, and maintained fiber optic infrastructure servicing 534 sites and 1600 traffic cameras.
3. In its review of the FY15 operating budget for DTS on April 7, 2014, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee expressed strong interest in the establishment of a NOC. The compelling need for a NOC was set forth clearly in an August 13, 2014 memorandum from DTS CIO Sonny Segal. On December 2, 2014, the ITPCC principals discussed the establishment of a NOC and requested information on possible options. On January 9, 2015, the CIO Subcommittee reviewed this information and unanimously recommended the approach proposed by Mr. Segal. That approach is reflected in this special appropriation.

- 4. Public notice of this special appropriation has been made by news release.
- 5. A public hearing was held on January 27, 2015.

Action

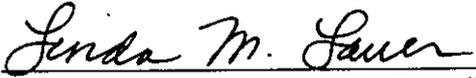
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following action:

A special appropriation to the FY15 Operating Budget of the Department of Technology Services is approved as follows:

| <u>Personnel Services</u> | <u>Operating Expenses</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source of Funds</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| \$0 | \$360,000 | \$0 | \$360,000 | General Fund Reserves |

It is in the public interest to act without delay to approve this special appropriation.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council