Resolution No.: 18-1104

Introduced: January 23, 2018
Adopted: May 1, 2018

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Amendment to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program #10 A18 CMCG-8

Montgomery County Government
Office of the County Executive

Long Branch Town Center Redevelopment (No. 150701)

Background

- 1. Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
- 2. The County Executive recommends this amendment to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program as shown on the attached project description form.
- 3. This amendment is needed because the revised project scope is critical to ensuring the continued economic stability of businesses in this vibrant commercial area. The recommended amendment is consistent with the criteria for amending the CIP because it offers a significant opportunity which could be lost if not taken now. In addition, the Long Branch businesses serve a diverse, high-density, and multi-ethnic community that has been designated as a revitalization area by the County and as an Enterprise Zone by the State of Maryland. Coordinating with several partners and utilizing multiple strategies, the project will minimize disruption that may affect the business community in Long Branch and surrounding areas during construction and after construction is complete.
- 4. The County Executive recommends an amendment to Long Branch Town Center Redevelopment (No. 150700).
- 5. The Council amended the project to include Bonifant Street in Silver spring.

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Action

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

The FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program of the Montgomery County Government is amended as reflected on the attached project description form.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq

Clerk of the Council



Long Branch Town Center Redevelopment (P150700)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for planning needed to support redevelopment in the Long Branch Sector Plan area. The construction of the Purple Line will influence the development potential of the sector plan area on both a short- and long-term basis. Two Purple Line stations are planned in Long Branch - one on Arliss Street, just to the north of Piney Branch Road, and the other on University Boulevard, just south of its intersection with Piney Branch Road. The County will coordinate through a multi-departmental approach that will include the Office of County Executive, Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Silver Spring Regional Service Center. Activities will also be planned in partnership with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), property owners and businesses in this sector plan area with input from the surrounding community. The State will have the primary responsibility for coordinating efforts to mitigate impacts of the Purple Line in Long Branch. As such, efforts are needed to help ensure that the multitude of businesses in Long Branch can prosper during the construction of the Purple Line, and just as importantly, after it is operational. In order to minimize any disruption that may affect the Long Branch business community, a multi-prong approach will be implemented through: 1) marketing assistance that highlights the availability and presence of existing businesses during construction; 2) training, available to all businesses along the Purple Line, that will focus on adjusting to a new marketplace and developing business opportunities during construction; 3) signage that will direct patrons to shops, restaurants and available parking; and 4) technical assistance designed to strengthen existing companies. This strategy is consistent with the Purple Line Corridor Community Development Agreement's goal to help locally established businesses prosper both during and after the construction period and to minimize disruptions during construction.

LOCATION

In the vicinity of the Long Branch Sector Plan area, including Bonifant Street, Silver Spring, Maryland.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The provision of marketing and technical assistance to local businesses impacted by construction of the Purple Line will be undertaken in FY18 and FY19.

COST CHANGE

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Long Branch community is a very diverse, high density multi-ethnic community. It has been designated as a revitalization area by the County and as an Enterprise Zone by the State of Maryland. The project objective would be to minimize any disruption that may affect the Long Branch business community during construction of the Purple Line, as well as help locally established businesses prosper during and after the construction period.

OTHER

FISCAL NOTE

Expenditures are realigned to support the County Executive's initiative to aid in the revitalization of the Long Branch community now that the Purple Line project is proceeding.

COORDINATION

The Office of the County Executive, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Transportation, Maryland Transit Administration, Maryland State Highway Administration, Purple Line Transit Partners, Long Branch Advisory Committee, Long Branch Business League, and Montgomery Housing Partnership.