Resolution No.: 19-118

Introduced:

May 14, 2019

Adopted:

May 16, 2019

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

**SUBJECT:** Montgomery County Council Reaffirms Commitment to Economic Development in the East County

## **Background**

- 1. On July 29, 2014, the Montgomery County Council approved and adopted the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan which outlined the vision and foundation to evolve the eastern portion of Montgomery County into a community that offers more opportunities to live, work, and play.
- 2. The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan envisions that the major centers of the Hillandale Community, the Life Sciences/FDA Village Center, and the White Oak Center will evolve from conventional, auto-dependent suburban shopping centers, business parks and light industrial areas into vibrant, mixed-use, transit-served nodes.
- 3. On February 14, 2017, the Montgomery County Council adopted the amended the resolution approving the declaration of no further need for the Site II Property on Industry Parkway in Silver Spring (Site II).
- 4. The disposition of Site II was approved to incentivize private development on all 280 acres, allowing the transformation of the current industrial land into a mixed-use community as envisioned in the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan.
- 5. On February 14, 2017, the Montgomery County Council adopted a resolution amending the County's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and appropriating \$47,200,000 for the White Oak Science Gateway Redevelopment Project.
- 6. The Montgomery County Council's appropriation met the requirements of the General Development Agreement to proceed with demolition of certain buildings on Site II and to provide \$40,000,000 for a portion of the planned master plan roads required by the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan.

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7. The Montgomery County Council reaffirmed its commitment to the White Oak Science Gateway Redevelopment Project when it approved the Capital Budget for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 by maintaining the \$40,000,000 appropriation for the planned master plan roads in the CIP.

## **Action**

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

The Council reaffirms its commitment to economic development in the East County, including the continued \$40,000,000 appropriation in the Capital Improvements Program for certain master plan roads in the Life Sciences/FDA Village Center.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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