

Montgomery County Council Infrastructure Funding Workgroup

APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, February 6, 2026

10:05 AM to 11:35 AM

Council Office Building, Capital Crescent Trail Conference Room, 4th Floor

Present Members

- Gene Smith, County Council Staff
- Livhu Ndou, County Council Staff
- Bilal Ali, County Council Staff
- Darcy Buckley, Montgomery County Parks Department
- Andrea Swiatocha, Deputy Chief, Division of Facilities Management (MCPS)
- Gary Nalven, Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget
- Todd Fawley-King, Montgomery County Department of Finance
- Haley Peckett, Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)
- Katie Mencarini, Montgomery County Planning Department
- Robert Goldman, Montgomery Housing Partnerships

Absent Members

- Lisa Govoni, Montgomery County Planning Department
- Mike Henehan, Bozzuto Development Company

Other County and Agency Staff Participating

- Stephen Kenny, County Council Staff

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

Action – Approval of January 23 Minutes

The minutes from the January 23, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved without objection.

Discussion – Preparation for February 26 Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee Update

The Workgroup reviewed draft materials for the committee's update scheduled for February 26, 2026.

The following comments were made by members to clarify or refine certain talking points for the committee:

- Highlight the breakdown of time spent by the Workgroup, with most of the time spent on data gathering and refining to date.
- Highlight that Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement (PLAR) was defined more broadly by the Workgroup than the limited projects with this moniker in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

- Update “Net New Capacity” to “New Capacity” as a definition category and remove mention “due to population growth” to include broader reasons for these expenditures (e.g., modal shift in the transportation sector).
- Double-check the aggregate values in the tables for current CIP expenditures and estimated deferred maintenance values.
- Highlight that the deferred maintenance tables were updated by the Workgroup (i.e., Old Vs. New) because the backlog column in the old versions were not useful.
- Include a note that the Workgroup is working on unconstrained policy investments and those values will be included in the report.
- Include additional talking points related to the County’s CIP, including prior growth trends and that most development is infill in the County.
- Create a line graph for the demographic trends (e.g., population and enrollment values).
- Consider including a trend line for vehicle miles traveled (VMT), which the County’s Department of Transportation will review and propose a data set for the Workgroup.
- Consider including a trend line for park permits, which the Parks Department will review and propose a data set for the Workgroup.
- Highlight that the trend lines are moving in different directions (i.e., enrollment trends do not track with population growth trends).
- Highlight that the Workgroup’s discussion of impact taxes is still in the early stages and will be reviewed in more detail during the funding options discussion.
- Highlight that the Workgroup will review the racial equity and social justice impacts with the different funding options.

The Workgroup, in addition, supported meeting on March 20, 2026 for its next meeting, so it could include the County Executive’s recommended FY27 Operating Budget as part of the discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.