Montgomery County Council Infrastructure Funding Workgroup

<u>APPROVED MINUTES</u>

Friday, August 15, 2025
10:00 AM to 11:05 AM
Council Office Building, Capital Crescent Trail Room, 4th Floor

<u>Present Members</u>

- Gene Smith, County Council Staff
- Livhu Ndou, County Council Staff (virtual)
- Bilal Ali, County Council Staff (virtual)
- Katie Mencarini, Montgomery County Planning Department
- Lisa Govoni, Montgomery County Planning Department
- Darcy Buckley, Montgomery County Parks Department
- Gary Nalven, Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget
- Adnan Mamoon, Montgomery County Public Schools (virtual)
- Mike Henehan, Bozzuto Development Company (virtual)
- Todd Fawley-King, Montgomery County Department of Finance (virtual)

<u>Absent Members</u>

- Haley Peckett, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- Robert Goldman, Montgomery Housing Partnerships

<u>Other County and Agency Staff Participating</u>

- Stephen Kenny, County Council Staff
- Corey Pitts, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- Chris Gillis, Montgomery Housing Partnerships

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Action – Approval of July 11, 2025 Minutes
The minutes from the July 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved without amendment.

Discussion and Action – Stakeholder Engagement
Gene Smith opened the floor to review the stakeholder engagement draft and confirm the list of invitees, engagement approach, and next steps. The discussion focused on refining the list of stakeholders, engagement logistics, and content of stakeholder outreach materials.

Stakeholder List Additions and Modifications:

- **Maryland State Highway Administration**: Further clarification was requested regarding whether this includes the full agency or just the roads division. Haley Peckett will coordinate with County DOT.

- **Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)** and **WMATA**: Recommended for separate outreach due to their infrastructure involvement.
- **Developer Roundtables**: Mike Henehan and Robert Goldman confirmed their groups are representative of the broader development community and will facilitate coordination.
- **Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA)** and **NAIOP**: Confirmed for inclusion. Lisa Govoni and Mike Henehan will coordinate outreach.
- **Maryland Municipal League (Montgomery Chapter)**: Gene Smith will contact the current officers of this organization to invite them.
- **Chambers of Commerce**: A broader community outreach approach was preferred rather than formal early-stage stakeholder meetings.
- **Parks Advocacy Groups**: The workgroup supported waiting to engage this group during the public outreach period later in the process.
- **MCCPTAs (Parent-Teacher Associations)**: The workgroup supported waiting to engage this group during the public outreach period later in the process.

Stakeholder Engagement Format:

- The group agreed to hold **two stakeholder engagement sessions**, providing attendees with flexibility to attend either session.
- Dates proposed: **Friday, September 12 and Friday, September 19**, both in the **morning**.
- Sessions will feature the same content and format; workgroup members will coordinate to ensure attendance at both meetings.

Engagement Material and Primer:

- Katie Mencarini and Darcy Buckley volunteered to draft the **stakeholder primer**.
- Feedback from the workgroup emphasized the importance of:
  - Clear explanation of the workgroup's charge and goals.
  - Avoiding overly technical or specific questions.
  - Including contextual background on infrastructure funding mechanisms.
  - Framing questions in accessible language, focused on perceptions, experiences, and suggestions.
  - Ensuring questions align with the scope of the workgroup.

Examples of suggested questions included:

- What are your perceptions of how the County identifies and funds infrastructure needs?
- What strategies or tools from other jurisdictions might be relevant for Montgomery County?
- How can the County improve its stakeholder engagement and transparency?

Clarification was made that these meetings are part of a two-part outreach process initial input (current phase) and feedback on recommendations (future phase).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM