



## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY FISCAL 2009 STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES 10/11/07**

*Montgomery County supports efforts at the State level to develop a plan to resolve the State's structural deficit that also respects the important nexus that exists between the State's fiscal stability and its counties' fiscal health. The Governor's plan attempts to accomplish this through a combination of spending cuts and revenues, including increasing the progressivity of the State income tax. While the County believes the Governor's plan is a good start, all consequences must be thoroughly considered to ensure that the final plan protects the County's role as an economic engine for the State. The final plan must be one that is fair, reasonable, and sustainable to accommodate the County's shifting demographics and increasing regional competition.*

- **Funding of the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI) to help offset the higher costs of providing K – 12 public education services in Montgomery County and 12 other jurisdictions in the State**
- **Increased State funding for adult education programs**
- **Public School Construction -- \$132.8 million**
- **Transportation**

*For the State to underwrite its share of the projects listed below and to address the extensive backlog of projects not listed, substantial new transportation revenues must be generated that will allow for a level of investment well beyond the amount necessary to maintain the status quo.*

### **Of Statewide importance (in no particular order):**

- Purple Line
- Corridor Cities Transitway
- I-270 HOV lanes north of Shady Grove to the Frederick County line
- I-495 HOV lanes from VA to the I-270 West Spur
- MD 355 corridor study / improvements to accommodate the consolidation of Walter Reed Medical Center operations at National Naval Medical Center
- A long term solution to the WMATA funding issue so that the region may begin addressing the critical need to increase investment in its transit system

**Of local importance and not funded (in order of priority):**

1. Georgia Avenue/Randolph Road Interchange
  2. I-270/Watkins Mill Road Extended Interchange
  3. Woodfield Road: widen to 6 lanes, Midcounty Hwy to Snouffer School Road
  4. Georgia Avenue; build 2-lane bypass around Brookeville
  5. Georgia Avenue/Norbeck Road; build grade-separated interchange
  6. Clopper Road: improve intersections from I-270 to Seneca Creek State Park
  7. Spencerville Road; widen to 4 lanes from Old Columbia Pike to US 29
  8. Norbeck Road: widen to 4 lanes from Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road
  9. Rockville Pike/Montrose Parkway (Phase 2): build bridge over CSX Railroad
  10. I-270/Newcut Road: building grade separated interchange
  11. Woodfield Road: widen to 6 lanes from Snouffer School Road to Airpark Road and from Fieldcrest Road to Warfield Road
  12. US 29/Fairland Road/Musgrove Road: build grade-separated interchange
  13. MD 28/198: widen to 4 lanes from Layhill Rd to Old Columbia Pike
  14. Rockville Town Center intersection improvements
- **Montgomery College -- \$37.3 million**
  - **Rockville District Court -- \$65.6 million**
  - **Montgomery County Detention Center reuse project -- \$2 million**
  - **Music venue for Silver Spring Revitalization -- \$2 million**