

## Montgomery County 2011 Federal Priorities

Listed below are Montgomery County's 2011 federal policy and funding priorities that were conveyed to our Congressional delegation in a letter signed by County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Council President Valerie Ervin.

- Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)- Highway and transit improvements around Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda.
- Montgomery College- Facilities and equipment funding for allied health service programs.
- Public Safety Communications System- Modernization of Montgomery County's communications infrastructure for law enforcement, EMS and fire services to maintain interoperable communications capabilities as required under FCC mandates.
- Interoperable IT solutions for an integrated Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)- Enhancement of health care delivery through development and implementation of an interactive and sustainable IT system across the health and human services continuum.
- Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) and Purple Line- Critical State transit projects to improve regional mobility and air quality in Maryland's most densely populated areas.

In addition to the above infrastructure projects which could be advanced with federal funding, the County also requested the Delegation's continued interest in the following federal issues of importance to Montgomery County:

- General Services Administration (GSA) rent caps- Urge GSA to revise its rent cap structure which affects competition for commercial leasing rates in the metropolitan area.
- SAFETEA-LU project reauthorization- Redirect through the reauthorization process a \$2 million authorization (originally intended for a roadway improvement project in the County) to the County's traffic signal system modernization project.
- Pell Grant Funding- Oppose cuts to this student aid program that directly impacts low-income students' enrollment at Montgomery College.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)- Retain funding for CDBGs used for a variety of community development programs including housing rehabilitation for low-income owners, public housing modernization, and infrastructure construction to enhance economic revitalization.