



Montgomery County's Priorities for the 2013 Session ***"Invest in Montgomery"***

For Montgomery County to continue to thrive as the State's key economic engine, the State must be a full partner in investing in the County's capital infrastructure. Without a stronger partnership, Montgomery will struggle to maintain its ability to compete regionally, nationally, and globally. Montgomery has strong assets: a nationally recognized public education system, a highly educated workforce, the home of key federal facilities and two biotechnology corridors, and a culturally rich population. Unfortunately, the area's reputation for having the worst traffic congestion in the country is a powerful detractor. The County has acted to help bridge gaps, including allocating nearly \$300 million to finance State transportation projects. However, the County cannot continue to go it alone. Other infrastructure challenges exist as well, particularly in education. Driven by burgeoning enrollment increases and program demands, the physical plants at Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove need a capital infusion.

Transportation Infrastructure Investment

The State must develop consensus on a plan that will produce significant and sustainable State revenues to be dedicated for transportation investments.

In addition to the urgent need to address existing roadway congestion, all of Montgomery County's new master plans focus on transit oriented development and require new transportation investments. The economic development these plans enable, such as the Great Seneca Science Corridor and White Flint, will help transform Montgomery County from a maturing suburb to a 21st century destination for jobs, innovation, and high quality of life. This cannot occur without a plan in place to pay for the costs of the transportation investments that must be made, including the Corridor Cities Transitway and the Purple Line. With Northern Virginia's HOT lanes opening this month and the Silver Line opening next year, the regional competitive landscape has shifted. The County's economic well being — and the State's — depend on a plan to move forward with securing new transportation revenues for critically needed infrastructure.

Capital Investments in Education

Montgomery County Public Schools – the school system's State request this year is \$147.3 million

Montgomery College – construction funds for the Rockville Campus Science West Renovation (\$13.3 million) and completion funds for the Germantown Campus Bioscience Education Center (\$5 million)

The Universities at Shady Grove – planning funds for the construction of a fourth building at USG, which will house its Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Academic Complex (\$5 million). The total project cost for the new building and parking garage is estimated at \$179 million. Because of the importance of this addition and to help USG leverage State dollars, Montgomery County agreed to fund the \$20 million garage.

Transportation Priorities

Two major transitways, listed alphabetically:

Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT)
Purple Line

Other regionally significant projects:

1-270 widening for high-occupancy toll or high-occupancy vehicle lanes north of Shady Grove
1-495 widening for HOV or HOT lanes between the I-270 West Spur and Virginia

Other locally significant projects, ready for construction funds:

I-270/Watkins Mill Road, Extended: bridge over I-270
Woodfield Road: widen to 6 lanes, Midcounty Highway to Snouffer School Road
Georgia Avenue/Norbeck Road: build grade-separated interchange
Clopper Road: improve intersections from I-270 to Seneca Creek Park
I-270/Watkins Mill Road, Extended: build grade-separated interchange
Spencerville Road: widen to four lanes from Old Columbia Pike to US 29
Norbeck Road: widen from Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road
I-270/Newcut Road: build grade-separated interchange
Woodfield Road: widen to six lanes from Snouffer School Road to Airpark Road
Woodfield Road: widen to six lanes from Fieldcrest Road to Warfield Road
US 29/Fairland Road/Musgrove Road: build grade-separated interchange
MD 28/198: widen from Layhill Road to Old Columbia Pike

Source: Montgomery County Transportation Priorities Letter, February 16, 2011

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Public School Construction Priorities

Balance of Funding (Forward-Funded):

Redland Middle School
Ridgeview Middle School

Balance of Funding:

Paint Branch High School

Construction Request:

Herbert Hoover Middle School
Glenallan Elementary School
Beverly Farms Elementary School

Systemic Projects:

Sherwood Elementary School
Thomas W. Payne Middle School
Stedwick Elementary School
Damascus High School
Neelsville Middle School
Takoma Park Elementary School
Robert Frost Middle School
Viers Mill Elementary School
Burtonsville Elementary School
Brooke Grove Elementary School
Fairland Elementary School
Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School
Clarksburg Elementary School
Strathmore Elementary School
Stone Mill Elementary School

Energy Efficiency Initiative Systemic Projects:

Walt Whitman High School
Springbrook High School
Stone Mill Elementary School
Silver Spring International Middle School
Takoma Park Elementary School

Sherwood Elementary School
Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School
Kemp Mill Elementary School
Argyle Middle School
Montgomery Knolls Elementary School
Takoma Park Middle School
DuFeif Elementary School
Montgomery Blair High School
Cold Spring Elementary School
John F. Kennedy High School

Planning and Construction Request:

Weller Road Elementary School
Bradley Hills Elementary School
Westbrook Elementary School
Wyngate Elementary School
Georgian Forest Elementary School
Darnestown Elementary School
Waters Landing Elementary School
Viers Mill Elementary School
Gaithersburg High School
Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School
Bel Pre Elementary School

Planning Approval Request:

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School
Candlewood Elementary School
Clarksburg High School
North Chevy Chase Elementary School
Rosemary Hills Elementary School
Bethesda Elementary School
Arcola Elementary School
Wheaton High School/Thomas Edison
High School of Technology

Source: Montgomery County Public Schools

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