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.

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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
- Paint Branch High School

**Balance of Funding:**
- 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

**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

**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

**Source:** Montgomery County Public Schools

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