



Montgomery County's Priorities for the 2015 Session

1. Public School Construction

Montgomery County continues to seek supplementary funding from the State to address critical capacity needs across the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Today's enrollment of 154,230 is expected to grow to more than 165,300 by 2020. Between 2007 and 2020, enrollment will have increased by more than 27,600 – more growth than that of Anne Arundel, Howard, Frederick, and Baltimore Counties combined. This enrollment growth, coupled with maintenance needs in older schools, is placing enormous pressures on MCPS facilities. Montgomery County continues to provide substantial financial support for its school construction program; but, it cannot keep pace. In order to break the logjam of projects, the State needs to provide the County with a steady source of funds over and above the amounts it has traditionally allocated for MCPS school construction projects. (See Attachment 1 for listing of MCPS projects).

2. Transportation

The State must be a full partner in investing in Montgomery County's transportation infrastructure to create transportation capacity necessary for reducing congestion and supporting job creation objectives. The Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway remain at the top of the County's long list of priority transportation projects. (See Attachment 2 for listing of transportation priorities).

3. Montgomery County Businesses

Montgomery County must establish an active partnership with the State to unlock the County's potential as a leader in biotech, cybersecurity, and health IT supported by a diverse economic base, state-of-the-art transit and digital networks, a ready and able workforce, and a business-friendly regulatory and tax climate.

4. Health Care

Because the State actively embraced the Affordable Care Act, 55,000 residents of Montgomery County that were previously uninsured now have access to quality health and behavioral health services. The County is also working on improving health access, building networks, and being innovative. The State must continue to support full implementation of the law in order for the County to maintain this momentum.

5. Other Capital Projects

Libraries - \$1.5 million to help underwrite the costs of capital maintenance projects at Aspen Hill (Rockville), Davis (Bethesda), and Little Falls (Bethesda)

National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence - \$2 million to complete renovations

Music Center at Strathmore - \$833,000 to help underwrite capital improvement costs

Avery Road Treatment Center - \$140,000 to complete the planning phase for full replacement of this substance abuse treatment and detox facility serving suburban Maryland counties

Montgomery College, Germantown Campus - \$15.4 million to renovate the Science and Applied Studies building

Universities at Shady Grove - \$6 million to complete design of the Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Educational Facility. The \$20 million parking garage funded by Montgomery County to help support the new facility is under construction.

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**Montgomery County Public Schools
Shovel Ready Construction Projects**

School	Project Type	Recommended Construction Start Date	Recommended Completion Date
Elementary			
Lucy V. Barnsley	Addition	FY 2016	8/17
Brown Station	Revitalization/Expansion	FY 2016	8/17
Diamond	Addition	FY 2016	8/17
Kensington-Parkwood	Addition	FY 2016	8/17
Richard Montgomery ES #5	New School	FY 2016	8/17
Northwest ES #8	New School	FY 2016	8/17
Wheaton Woods	Revitalization/Expansion	FY 2016	8/17
Brookhaven*	Addition	FY 2017	8/18
Glen Haven*	Addition	FY 2017	8/18
Highland*	Addition	FY 2017	8/18
Kemp Mill*	Addition	FY 2017	8/18
Sargent Shriver*	Addition	FY 2017	8/18
Middle			
Bethesda-Chevy Chase MS #2	New School	FY 2016	8/17
North Bethesda	Addition	FY 2016	8/17
High			
Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Addition	FY 2016	8/17

* Addition projects being constructed to relieve overutilized at other elementary schools. A boundary study will be conducted one year prior to opening.

**Montgomery County Public Schools
Construction Projects with Expenditures in the Approved FY2015-2020 CIP**

School	Project Type	Recommended Construction Start Date	Recommended Completion Date
Elementary			
Ashburton	Addition	FY 2018	8/19
Burtonsville	Addition	FY 2018	8/19
Judith Resnik	Addition	FY 2018	8/19
S. Christa McAuliffe	Addition	FY 2018	8/19
Luxmanor	Revitalization/Expansion	FY 2018	1/19
Summit Hall	Revitalization/Expansion	FY 2020	1/22
High			
Clarksburg**	Addition	FY 2017	8/18
Northwest**	Addition	FY 2017	8/18

** Overutilization at these schools will be addressed by the revitalization/expansion of Seneca Valley High School. A boundary study will be conducted one year prior to completion.

**Montgomery County Public Schools
Schools with Proposed Capacity Projects
Which Could Be Completed by FY2022**

School	Project Type	Feasibility Study Completion Date
Elementary		
Thurgood Marshall	Addition	FY 2008
Captain James Daly	Addition	FY 2012
Strawberry Knoll	Addition	FY 2012
Greencastle	Addition	FY 2013
JoAnn Leleck at Broad Acres	Addition	FY 2014
South Lake	Addition	FY 2014
Cedar Grove	New School	FY 2015
Clarksburg	New School	FY 2015
Forest Knolls	Addition	FY 2015
Gaithersburg	Addition	FY 2015
Lake Seneca	Addition	FY 2015
Rolling Terrace	Addition	FY 2015
Rosemont	Addition	FY 2015
Wilson Wims	New School	FY 2015
Woodlin	Addition	FY 2015
Highland View	Addition	FY 2015
Rachel Carson	Addition	FY 2016
Fields Road	Addition	FY 2016
Burnt Mills	Revitalization/Expansion	FY 2019
Middle		
Col. E. Brooke Lee	Addition	FY 2015
A. Mario Loiederman	Addition	FY 2015
Parkland	Addition	FY 2015
Silver Spring International	Addition	FY 2015
Takoma Park	Addition	FY 2015
Tomas W. Pyle	Addition	FY 2016
High		
Walter Johnson	Addition	FY 2015
Walt Whitman	Addition	FY 2015
Montgomery Blair	Addition	FY 2016
Albert Einstein	Addition	FY 2016
Richard Montgomery	Addition	FY 2016
Northwood	Addition	FY 2016



Montgomery County Government

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

March 18, 2014

The Honorable James T. Smith, Jr.
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Hanover, Maryland 21076

Dear Secretary Smith:

In light of the Draft FY2014-2019 Consolidated Transportation Program we have updated the State transportation priorities we last transmitted to you dated February 15, 2011. This letter describes our latest sets of priorities for currently unfunded or underfunded State transportation projects and studies.

We urge the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's multi-year capital improvement programs for infrastructure investment to maintain a state of good repair. Additional funding is needed to operate eight-car trains, eliminate the Red Line turnbacks at Grosvenor and Silver Spring, and to expand the existing station platform and circulation capacity to accommodate existing and projected riders.

We deeply appreciate the State providing funding for the Purple Line and for Stage 1 of the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) from Shady Grove to Metropolitan Grove. The Purple Line and the CCT are our highest transportation priorities (see below). We are optimistic that the Federal Government will authorize and appropriate its share of the cost of the Purple Line, but in case it does not, a high priority would be for the State to make up the difference. Regarding the CCT, we also urge that a means for achieving full funding be sought for the entire line, not only for Stage 1. Additionally, we recognize and appreciate your funding of the I-270 at Watkins Mill Interchange, the Brookeville Bypass, the additional funding for the MD 28/MD 198 Study, and the design of interchanges along US 29. Advancing these projects support our economic development and safety of the traveling public.

The balance of this letter describes our State funding priorities for MDOT's Construction Program and the Development and Evaluation (D&E) Program, respectively:

PRIORITIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

1. Purple Line
1. Corridor Cities Transitway, Stages 1 & 2
3. Montrose Parkway East: contribution to MD 355 to Parklawn Drive segment (MD 355 Intchg., Phase II)
4. Metro Bus Priority Corridor Network in Montgomery County: supporting road improvements
5. MD 97 (Georgia Avenue)/MD 28 (Norbeck Road): grade-separated interchange
6. US 29/Tech Road/Industrial Parkway: grade-separated interchange
7. US 29/Fairland Road/Musgrove Road: grade-separated interchange
8. MD 28 (Norbeck Rd.), Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road: widen to 4 lanes, with safety improvements
9. MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) Bus Rapid Transit line
10. Forest Glen Pedestrian Underpass beneath Georgia Avenue
11. MD 124 (Woodfield Road), Midcounty Highway to Airpark Drive: widen to 4 lanes
12. MD 117 (Clopper Road), I-270 to Seneca Creek State Park: improve intersections
13. I-270/Newcut Road: grade-separated interchange
14. MD 97 (Georgia Avenue), Forest Glen Road to 16th Street: safety and accessibility improvements
15. MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) Bus Rapid Transit line, Olney to Wheaton

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Once the project planning studies evaluating the addition of high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-270 (I-370 to Frederick County) and I-495 (I-270 West Spur to Virginia) are re-initiated, and once a funding strategy is developed for these megaprojects of statewide significance, we will include them among the Construction Program priorities. We urge you to complete details and cost estimates for smaller segments of these corridors that your staff has been analyzing. They could be implemented in a shorter time frame, produce immediate congestion reduction benefits and the much lower costs make them very cost-effective.

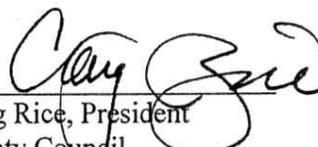
PRIORITIES FOR THE D&E PROGRAM

1. US 29 & MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit lines: additional funds to complete project planning
2. I-495 (Capital Beltway): extend HOV lane south of I-270 West Spur
3. I-270 West Spur: HOV ramps from/to the south side of Westlake Drive/Fernwood Road
4. MD 355 (Frederick Road)/Gude Drive: grade-separated interchange
5. Midcounty Highway Extended, ICC to Shady Grove Road
6. MD 119 (Great Seneca Highway)/Sam Eig Highway/Muddy Branch Road: grade-separated interchanges
7. MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) Bus Rapid Transit line, White Oak to Eastern Avenue.
8. ICC hiker/biker trail
9. Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Areas: bike and pedestrian facility improvements

Attached is a fuller description of these projects, and how each conforms to local master plans and the goals of the Maryland Transportation Plan. If you need any clarifications about our recommendations, please contact us. Also, at its request, we are attaching the priorities letter from the City of Gaithersburg.

Sincerely,


Isiah Leggett
County Executive


Craig Rice, President
County Council

cc: The Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor, State of Maryland
The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation
The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair, Montgomery County House Delegate
Françoise Carrier, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board