



## **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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