

PS COMMITTEE #1
June 29, 2009

CONTINUED FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 25th

MEMORANDUM

June 26, 2009

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Worksession:** Supplemental Appropriation to the FY09 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Police
Motorpool Fund Non-Departmental Account
Expansion of Speed Camera Program; \$2,907,250
(Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

Updated Information

The Public Safety Committee reviewed this request at its June 25 session. Committee Chair Andrews asked the Department to review the request and see if a lesser amount of funding might be needed to cover the expected FY09 costs since the increase in the number of cameras started a bit later than originally expected.

The Office of Management and Budget has sent Council staff information that the \$41,250 continues to be the amount needed for the Motorpool NDA and that the Police Department needs \$1,929,240 in additional operating expense appropriation to cover the contractual costs associated with an additional 118,700 citations.

Council staff recommends approval of this revised request.

Background (from June 25th packet)

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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

MEMORANDUM

May 19, 2009

TO: Phil Andrews, President, County Council
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Montgomery County Government
Department of Police
Motor Pool Fund Contribution Non-Departmental Account
Expansion of the Speed Camera Program, \$2,907,250

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I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,907,250 and specify the source of funds as General Fund Undesignated Reserve. This action is consistent with my Recommended FY10 Operating Budget.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL:kr

Attachments: Supplemental Appropriation #09-263

c: Joseph F. Beach, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Background

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4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY09 Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,907,250 for the expansion of the Speed Camera Program, and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
3. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY09 Operating Budget of the Department of Police and the Motor Pool Fund Contribution Non-Departmental Account is approved as follows:

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PS COMMITTEE #1
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