



Committee: Directly to Council
Staff: Glenn Orlin, Senior Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #11
February 23, 2021
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Transportation: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - \$30,167,124 (source: Federal aid)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

BACKGROUND

This supplemental appropriation is needed to authorize the expenditure of Federal funds received through the CARES Act. The goal of this appropriation is to provide funds to pay for operating costs of Ride On related to the prevention, preparation for, and response to COVID-19.

The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$30,167,124 and specifies the source of funds as Federal Aid. The Council's public hearing and action are scheduled for February 23, 2021.

This report contains:

Executive's transmittal memorandum
Draft adoption resolution

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ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

January 27, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive *Marc Elrich*

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #21-501 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Transportation
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation Assistance Grants
- \$30,167,124

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget for the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$30,167,124. This appropriation will fund personnel costs for bus operators during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This increase is needed to authorize the expenditure of funds received in State Aid. These funds are being provided in the form of two separate yet related grants from MDOT with funding origins in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The primary goal of these grants is to provide funds to pay for operating costs of transit systems related to the prevention, preparation for, and response to COVID-19.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$30,167,124 and specify the funding source as Federal Aid.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:bg

c: Christopher Conklin, Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Jennifer Bryant, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #21-501

Resolution No: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #21-501 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Transportation
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - \$30,167,124

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY21 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$30,167,124	\$0	\$0	\$30,167,124	Federal Aid

3. This increase is needed to authorize the expenditure of funds received in Federal Aid through the CARES Act. The primary goal of the CARES Act is to provide funds to pay for operating costs of transit systems related to the prevention, preparation for, and response to COVID-19.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental in the amount of \$30,167,124 and specifies the source of funds as Federal Aid.
5. 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 FY21 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$30,167,124	\$0	\$0	\$30,167,124	Federal Aid

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council