

Resolution No.: 16-189
Introduced: May 17, 2007
Adopted: June 12, 2007

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #07-200 to the FY07 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Public Works and Transportation
Snow Removal and Wind and Rain Storm Clean-Up, \$9,656,890

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 FY07 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Public Works and Transportation:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$1,981,940	\$6,696,160	\$0	\$8,678,100	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
<u>\$ 159,400</u>	<u>\$ 819,390</u>		<u>\$ 978,790</u>	FEMA Reimbursement
\$2,141,340	\$7,515,550		\$9,656,890	

3. As in previous years, due to the unpredictability of snow events, it has been our practice to budget only a minimal amount for snow removal operations. After review of actual expenses related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage, a supplemental appropriation is requested for the following:

- a. During the winter of 2006-2007, Montgomery County experienced 13 snow/ice events with total accumulation of approximately 16 inches, of which the February 14, 2007, snow/ice event was the most resource intensive and costly of the season. The total expenditures associated with snow removal operations was \$11,903,447 of which \$2,756,196 was budgeted. While not all the 12 remaining snow events resulted in plowing, County and contractual personnel were required to report and/or be on standby and equipment was ready and made available based on weather forecasts. In addition, in the aftermath of the February 14, 2007 snow/ice event, DPWT crews also supported MCPS by removing ice from 51 school facilities at a cost of \$112,755.
 - b. Wind and rain storm clean-up expenditures through March 31, 2007, are \$3,300,128, of which \$541,329 was budgeted. A large portion of the expenditures in this category is attributed to the wind and rain storms that occurred from June 23 to July 12, 2006. Some of the clean-up activities associated with the severe storms during this period qualified for Federal Aid reimbursement from FEMA in the amount of \$978,787.
 - c. In addition, this supplemental appropriation assumes \$200,000 for clean-up that the Department anticipates incurring in April, May, and June of 2007.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget in the amount of \$9,656,890 for snow removal and wind and rain storm clean-up and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves and FEMA Reimbursement.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

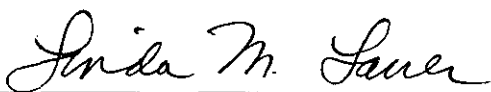
Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of the Department of Public Works and transportation is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.


 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council