



OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE


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County Executive

Tiffany Ward
Director and Chief Equity Officer

MEMORANDUM

September 21, 2023

To: Jennifer Bryant, Director
Office of Management and Budget

From: Tiffany Ward, Director
Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice 

Re: Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) Supplemental Appropriation (SA# 24-5
Traffic Signals) (No. 507154)

- I. **FINDING:** The Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) finds that *Supplemental Appropriation #24-5 Traffic Signals (No. 507154)* is inconclusive. Because this supplemental appropriation allocates non-county dollars and doesn't make substantive changes to the project (or process leading to the project), ORESJ is unable to draw conclusions about the supplemental appropriation's ability to advance racial equity and social justice in the County.

- II. **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:** The purpose of Supplemental Appropriation #24-5 Traffic Signals (No. 507154) is to use developer contributions in the amount of \$184,787.50 for improvements in the North Bethesda area, specifically Fernwood and Democracy Boulevard intersection. According to available information, the developer contribution was required per the Montgomery County Planning Board's approval of development at the site.

This Supplemental Appropriation does not make substantive changes to the Traffic Signals project, which has been funded since FY71. This Capital Improvements Program (CIP) project provides for the design, construction, and maintenance of vehicular and pedestrian traffic signals, including Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and other technology and engineering changes that ensure compliance with the Americans with

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Disabilities Act (ADA). That said, specific details about the type of improvements being done at the Fernwood Road and Democracy Boulevard intersection, and the process that resulted in this site being selected, are not clear from available information.

cc: Christopher Conklin, Director, Department of Transportation
Ken Hartman, Director, Strategic Partnerships, Office of the County Executive