

## OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Marc Elrich County Executive

Tiffany Ward Director and Chief Equity Officer

## **MEMORANDUM**

June 3, 2025

To: Jennifer Bryant, Director

Office of Management and Budget

From: Tiffany Ward, Director

Tiffany Ward, Director Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice

Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) Supplemental Appropriation (SA) #25-86 Re:

FY25 Operating Budget – Leases Non-Department Account (\$3,000,000)

I. **FINDING:** In March 2025, the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) completed a Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) for Supplemental Appropriation (SA) #25-60 REIA Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation. Available information for SA #25-86 - Leases Non-Departmental Account indicates funding is needed to advance the relocation of the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Bus Depot from Crabbs Branch Way. There are no significant differences between SA #25-86 and SA #25-60. Therefore, ORESJ's finding statement and analysis remain unchanged.

MCPS Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation has the potential to advance racial equity and social justice in the County. The funds will allow for the construction and relocation of over half of the bus fleet from the Crabbs Branch Way site to an industrial warehouse/parking lot site, which would have a lower impact on residential areas.

Additionally, the funding will enable the County to implement the County's Shady Grove Sector Plan and promote economic development in the community.

ORESJ recommends that those considering SA #25-86 review the REIA that ORESJ submitted for SA #25-60. The REIA is available at the following link: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/25-60.pdf.

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