



MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

REIA #26-21

MCPS Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation

Requesting Agency/Department(s)	Dollar Amount
Department of General Services	\$10,555,000

Funding Source

Recordation Tax Premium

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. Additional funding was reviewed for SA #25-86 - Leases Non-Departmental Account related to the relocation of the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Bus Depot from Crabbs Branch Way. The current supplemental would appropriate funding for this project now that lease negotiations have been completed. Therefore, ORESJ's finding statement and analysis remain unchanged.

The relocation of the MCPS Bus Depot and Maintenance 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.

Background

Purpose

The purpose of SA #26-21 is to appropriate funding for the Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation project, now that lease negotiations have been completed for 861 E. Gude Drive and the Accessory Parking Lot for the Montgomery County Public Schools Bus Depot. Although funding had been planned for this project, the appropriation was previously withheld due to the ongoing lease negotiations.

Relevant REIAs and Other Assessments

ORESJ has conducted REIAs since 2021. As noted above, the following REIA(s) are relevant to supplemental appropriation #26-21.

- REIA #25-86 Leases NDA – Bus Depot
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/25-86.pdf>
- REIA #25-60 Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation
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Caveats

This REIA has been conducted with the best available information at the time of writing, including department responses to the Racial Equity and Social Justice template and research conducted by ORESJ Policy Team Analysts. While the assessment examines specific racial equity and social justice impacts of the funding request, it cannot fully address all systemic inequities that affect the communities in question, nor do we seek to examine impacts outside the scope of the funding request. We recommend using this assessment as a starting point for discussions about the program's impact on advancing racial equity and social justice in Montgomery County.