

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of March 20, 2017

**School Bus Cameras, Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan, and
Montgomery College**




Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

Also the Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .


 On March 21 the Council session will begin at 1:30 p.m.

COUNCIL

-  **Supplemental Appropriation to MCPS' FY17 Operating Budget, Entrepreneurial Activities Fund: \$1,500,000 for School Bus Safety Camera Program**
The Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and vote on a \$1.5 million supplemental appropriation for the School Bus Safety Camera Program. The staff report can be viewed at: http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=5016&meta_id=133171 .
The Board of Education requested this appropriation. The source of funds is the School Bus Safety Camera Program citation revenue in the General Fund. The Executive recommends approval.
 - As authorized by the Board of Education, MCPS entered into a contract with Force Multiplier Solutions, Inc. (FXS) to provide a comprehensive school bus safety system to MCPS. FXS also has a memorandum of understanding with County Government that sets forth the parties'


respective obligations for effective implementation of the School Bus Safety Camera Program.

- The contract and the memorandum of understanding stipulate that all revenue generated from citation fines are to be transferred from the General Fund to the MCPS Entrepreneurial Activities Fund to enable MCPS to compensate FXS until such time that FXS recovers its capital investment.
- On July 11, 2016, the Public Safety and Education Committees held a joint meeting to review the school bus safety camera program that included a discussion of the FXS contract.
- This supplemental appropriation would give MPCPS the authority to spend a maximum of \$1.5 million in FY17; however, the County will only transfer the actual amount of citation revenue received for the School Bus Safety Camera Program.

 **Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY17 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service: \$1,975,500 for Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund Grant**

The Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and vote on a \$1,975,500 supplemental appropriation for a Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund grant. The source of funds is a State grant. The Executive recommends approval. The staff report can be viewed at: http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=5016&meta_id=133173.

The appropriation will fund the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus. This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY17 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant and accrued interest. The Amoss Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies.

 **Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation – Local Map Amendment H-118, Georgetown Professional Associates, LLLP, for property located at 6300 Democracy Blvd. in Bethesda**

The Council is scheduled to vote on Local Map Amendment H-118. The Hearing Examiner, the Planning Board, and Planning Staff recommend approval. The staff report can be viewed at: http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=5016&meta_id=133219.

Georgetown Professional Associates, LLLP (the Applicant) requested the reclassification of 1.04 acres (45,220 square feet) of land located at 6300 Democracy Blvd. in Bethesda from the existing R-60 Residential Zone to the EOFF-0.5, H-35, Employment Office Floating Zone. The property is situated on the south side of Democracy Blvd. and is 800 feet west of Old Georgetown Rd. The current use on the site is a medical and dental office building. The use operates under a special exception that allows a medical clinic of up to 18 physicians.

- The Applicant seeks greater flexibility to house offices because the number of individual medical practitioners available to fill these small offices has diminished in recent years leaving long vacancies. The Applicant would retain the existing building and would merely change the nature of some of the tenants.
- The Applicant has committed to binding elements that would limit the use to medical and dental clinics and general offices and would exclude businesses that regularly use commercial vehicles such as painters and home improvement contractors.

COMMITTEE

 **Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan**

On March 20 at 2 p.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee will continue its review of the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan. The staff reports can be viewed at:

- Follow up on transportation elements and staging
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=5295&meta_id=133163 and

- Issues related to greenway and specific properties, community facilities, and public benefits http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=5295&meta_id=133161 .
The Planning Board's July 2016 Draft Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan can be viewed at: http://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/BDP-Planning-Board-Draft_lowres2.pdf .
A summary of the Planning Board's Draft Plan presentation can be viewed at: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/bethesda_downtown/documents/BDP_PlanningBoardDraftPresentation_091416.pdf .

Downtown Bethesda is located along Wisconsin Ave. between Friendship Heights and the Capital Beltway, centered on the intersection of Wisconsin Ave., Old Georgetown Rd., and East-West Hwy. The Bethesda Downtown Plan retains the Plan Area boundary of the 1994 Bethesda Central Business District (CBD) Sector Plan, including the areas covered by both the 2006 Woodmont Triangle Amendment and the 2014 Planning Board Draft Bethesda Purple Line Station Minor Master Plan Amendment. The area covers approximately 451 acres and is bounded by the National Institutes of Health campus on the north; Tilbury St., Sleaford Rd., Cheltenham Rd., Capital Crescent Trail, 46th St., and West Ave. on the east; Norwood Park and Nottingham Dr. on the south; and Arlington Rd. and Old Georgetown Rd. on the west.

Some of the goals of the proposed Plan include:

- Coordinating and aligning the Central Business District (CBD), Urban District (UD), and Parking Lot District (PLD) boundaries.
- Preserving and enhancing the community's existing affordable housing throughout the Sector Plan area by leveraging proximity to transit stations and supporting flexible zoning and density incentives and expanded economic programs.
- Making the increased provision for moderately priced dwelling units (MPDUs) from 12.5 percent to 15 percent a priority amenity in all optional method projects.
- Consolidating retail in appropriate places in the Sector Plan area through designated retail centers or nodes.
- Strengthening the centers of activity through economic, social, and environmental aspects of sustainability.
- Encouraging mixed-use development to allow development to adapt to market conditions.
- Creating new civic gathering spaces in the expanded centers of activity.



Montgomery College – FY18 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program

On March 20 at 2 p.m. the Education (ED) Committee will review CIP amendments for Montgomery College. The FY18 capital budget request for Montgomery College totals \$39.042 million. The six-year total amended CIP request is \$332.89 million, a decrease of \$378,000 over the approved FY17-22 CIP. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=136&event_id=5296&meta_id=133157 .

The following individuals are expected to attend the Committee meeting:

- Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, Montgomery College;
- Dr. Janet Wormack, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services, Montgomery College;
- Marvin Mills, Vice President for Facilities and Security, Montgomery College;
- John McLean, Director of Capital Planning and Design, Montgomery College;
- Kristina Schramm, Capital Budget Manager, Montgomery College; and
- Rich Harris, Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget.

The College has requested the following CIP amendments in this off-year request:

- One new project, Collegewide Road/Parking Lot Repairs and Replacements, that is funded through the Transportation Facilities Capital Projects Fund and does not request any County dollars.

- An increase in the Planning, Design & Construction project to fund salary enhancements matching those provided in the FY17 operating budget and to fund projected salary enhancements for FY18.
- An increased FY18 construction request and schedule adjustments in the Collegewide Physical Education Renovations project, which is funded through the Major Facilities Capital Projects Fund. This request does not require any County dollars.
- An escalation cost increase for the Rockville Student Services Center in addition to a one-year delay in the furniture and equipment request from FY18 to FY19.
- An FY18 design request for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Math and Science Center and an overall cost decrease for the project that reflects both savings identified by the College and escalation cost increases.
- An escalation cost increase and an FY18 furniture and equipment request for the Germantown Science and Applied Studies Building.

The Executive recommends the following as part his FY18 capital budget:

- Support the new Collegewide Road/Parking Lot Repairs and Replacements project.
- Support the escalation cost increases and schedule adjustments requested by the College.
- For the Planning, Design & Construction project, the Executive supports the request for salary enhancements to match those provided during the FY17 operating budget cycle, but not the request for estimated FY18 salary enhancements.
- For the Takoma Park Math and Science Center project, the Executive supports the FY18 funding request but recommends that \$3 million in GO bond funding for this project be replaced in FY19 and FY20 with funding from the College's Major Facilities Capital Projects Fund.



Procurement Issues Relating to Non-profit Organization's and Community Grants

On March 23 at 2 p.m. the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) and the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committees will meet jointly to discuss procurement issues related to non-profit organizations and community grants to ensure that grant awards are processed in an efficient and timely manner. The Committees will also review barriers that nonprofit organizations have identified that may make processing and modifying contracts more difficult. The staff report will be available on March 21. Those expected to attend the meeting include: Cherri Branson, Director, Office of Procurement; Brigid Howe, Executive Director, Nonprofit Montgomery; and representatives from the Dept. of Finance, the Dept. of HHS, and the Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs.