COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #16-397 to the FY16 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Supplemental for Snow Removal/Wind and Rain Storm Cleanup
Department of Transportation - $26,594,910
Department of General Services - $4,397,639

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 FY16 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services:

	Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Total	Source of Funds
Transportation	$4,010,147	$22,584,763	$26,594,910	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
General Services	$774,121	$3,623,518	$4,397,639	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3.   This increase is needed because expenditures for snow removal and storm cleanup exceed the
        FY16 appropriation of $9,223,749 ($3,338,759 in the Department of Transportation and
        $5,884,990 in the Storm Removal Non-Departmental Account). After review of actual expenses
        related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage a supplemental appropriation
        is requested.

        During the winter of 2015-2016, Montgomery County experienced 14 snow/ice events with
        total accumulation of approximately 53.5 inches including 38.5 inches of snow from Storm
        "Jonas". While some of the events did not result in plowing, both County and contractual
        personnel were required to report and/or be on standby and equipment was ready and made
        available based on weather forecasts. The total cost associated with snow removal operations
        was $38,318,713, of which $8,674,577 was budgeted.

        Wind and rain storm cleanup expenditures to date are $847,585, of which $549,172 was
        budgeted.

        In addition to expenditures incurred to date, this supplemental appropriation provides
        $1,050,000 to cover   anticipated wind and rain storm cleanup costs through the end of the
        fiscal year. Damage from wind and rain storms is unpredictable, with most of the cleanup
        historically required from April through September.

4.   The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY16 Operating
        Budget in the amount of $30,992,549 for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup and
        specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.

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 FY16 Operating Budget of the Department of
Transportation and the Department of General Services is approved as follows:

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Transportation	$4,010,147	$22,584,763	$26,594,910	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
General Services	$774,121	$3,623,518	$4,397,639	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council