



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, November 8, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:37 P.M. on Monday, November 8, 2021.

PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

(1) **DISCUSSION** - [State Legislative Program](#)

Participants in the discussion included Ms. McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney and Ms. Boucher, Ms. Frey, and Ms. Morningstar, Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

Ms. McCartney-Green reviewed items from the past session, including previously agreed upon guidelines and staff initiatives to collaborate and provide cohesive strategies regarding State Legislative items to support County priorities. All priorities discussed were supported without objection.

In the discussion regarding the Transportation priorities, Mr. Hucker requested elaboration on the Purple Line continuation without additional local contribution. Additionally, Mr. Hucker requested the addition that all Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) plans are supported. Mr. Hucker also noted that the Council should update Transportation Priorities letter annually.

Mr. Katz requested to reexamine the locally preferred alignment for proposed CCT and BRT projects.

Mr. Riemer requested an addition in support of the BRT on Route 355 and Veirs Mill Road. Additionally, he expressed concern that some of the Corridor Cities Transitway projects (CCT) are not being supported locally and requested adding language to reflect that the Council is reexamining the locally preferred alignment.

Mr. Friedson proposed language to adjust the Transportation priorities to include Veirs Mill Road and BRT on Route 355.

Ms. Boucher noted that there was a Transportation Priority letter sent in May 2020 and she will work with Mr. Orlin to develop language to draft a 2021 Transportation Priority letter.

In the discussion regarding the Council's Education priorities, Mr. Hucker requested to include support for the Built to Learn program, in addition to the Blueprint to Education program.

Mr. Rice requested the career pathways for higher education in the fields of health care and mental health care careers be included as a priority. Ms. Navarro asked to elaborate on this as this aligns with the County's economic development and workforce development goals.

In the discussion regarding the Health and Human Services priority, Mr. Hucker suggested that the bed shortage item should be supported overall but prioritized for youth under the age of 18. Ms. Navarro requested additions for culturally appropriate and multilingual staff, as well as school health staff, be added to the Department of Health and Human Services priorities to align with County priorities.

The list of priorities passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 P.M.

This is an accurate account of the meeting:



Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council