

Statement about the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

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I am Tony Hausner, and I live in Silver Spring, MD. I have the following comments about the CIP.

I support most of the recommendations made by the County Executive in his CIP proposal¹. These include:

- Climate policies²
- Bus Rapid Transit Proposals and increased use of Electric buses
- Funds for county schools and college programs
- Business development, especially for White Flint and White Oak areas. I want to point out that last year, this county had \$18 billion in business development and \$800 million in Venture Capital funds, more than the rest of the State combined.
- Affordable Housing
- The use of an equity lens in evaluating the CIP

While not part of the CIP, I want to express my strong support for the proposals to use transit solutions to address the traffic problems on 270, such as expanding MARC and developing the Corridor Cities Transitway. In contrast, I am very disturbed that a majority of the council supported the Governor's proposal to create toll lanes on 270. This caters primarily to the wealthy, and is bad for the environment. Further, it can lead to widening of the Beltway, which would be very destructive of the environment, homes, schools, Holy Cross Hospital, etc. I am grateful to the councilmembers who opposed that decision and to the County Executive who offered a much more effective and just solution to 270.

I have also included in the file referenced below, a summary of the County Executive's recent accomplishments.³ I share this document to counter the claim that some of you have made that the County Executive has accomplished nothing in his term of office. In this document, you will find many significant accomplishments on Covid, Climate, Business development, early childhood education, and more.

I have also developed a paper on "Strategies to Improve the Performance of Police Departments."⁴ Given the severe problems we are having both in the schools and the community, we urgently need to address issues of public safety.

¹https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/Resources/Files/omb/pdfs/fy23/ciprec/FY23CIPCEREC_Presentation.pdf

² See <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/> and <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/climate/index.html>

³ File to be inserted

⁴ "Strategies to Improve the Performance of Police Departments" see <http://rebrand.ly/Policestaffissues>

This paper is filed at: <http://rebrand.ly/MoCoCIP020822th>