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## **FY23 Capital Budget and FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce would like to highlight and support the following items in the FY23 Capital Budget and FY23-28 CIP.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

- **North 355 BRT** – We support inclusion of the northern portion of Bus Rapid Transit on MD 355 between Rockville and Germantown and ultimately to Clarksburg. For BRT to be most effective, we strongly support designated roadways.
- **Great Seneca Science Corridor Transit Improvements** – This is a very important project that will add significant capacity and transportation efficiency to the corridor including connections between the Shady Grove Metro Station, King Farm, Crown Farm, USG, Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center, and Kentlands. In the absence/delay of the CCT, we need this project to move forward.
- **Observation Drive Extended** – This project is long overdue and both Phase I and Phase 2 need to be completed as soon as possible.
- **Life Sciences Center Loop** – This is an important part of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan and is a shared use path that provides a non-auto, shared-use path that connects planned residential with commercial and educational facilities. While it will be a great recreational, commuter asset, it is also necessary to meet the non-auto driver mode share required for the master plan.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** We support the planning, design, and construction of the 6<sup>th</sup> District Police Station located in Gaithersburg.

### **EDUCATION:**

- **Montgomery College Germantown Student Services Center** – As the Germantown campus continues to grow, this center will enhance the services provided to students by creating study space, media and computing support, library and bookstore.
- **MCPS** – As the Upcounty continues to grow we need to keep pace with facilities necessary to continue to provide a world-class education. Major projects include Crown HS, Poolesville HS and Clarksburg ES#9.

Thank you for your consideration.

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