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Good morning,

I am Shobhana Sharma, President of the Board of Directors of the Westside Shady Grove Metro Homeowners Association and the Volunteer Co-Chair of the Shady Grove Master Plan Advisory Committee of Montgomery Planning. I moved to the Westside in 2018. Since this time, I have spent countless hours working to assist in securing the betterment of our community in Derwood and the Westside. We are committed to seeing the Master Plan being realized and creating a vibrant, community centered and beautiful community for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the County Executive's recommended CIP, especially his proposal for \$1 million in the upcoming FY25 and \$2.5 million in FY26 for the long-expected, and much-needed relocation of the MCPS bus depot located on Crabbs Branch Way. I urge the Council to support this recommendation in order to advance its own approved plan for the Shady Grove Sector per Montgomery Planning. Moreover, I'll remind the Council that 800+ individuals have signed our community's MoveOn petition urging them, along with the County Executive and MCPS, to get the County's Shady Grove Sector Plan finally done:

<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/derwood-deserves-betternow>

Your support of the County Executive's recommended CIP is therefore essential, as is the County Executive's continued commitment to completing this project in cooperation with MCPS.

Thank you.