

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 relocation of the MCPS bus depot located on Crabbs Branch Way. I urge the Council to support this recommendation to advance its own approved plan for the Shady Grove Sector. Moving the bus depot would open the area for development increasing tax revenue and community development. The areas development is more suitable for retail and housing given its proximity to the Shady Grove Metro station. Moreover, 800+ individuals have signed our community's MoveOn petition urging them, along with the County Executive and MCPS, to get the 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.
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