

Written Testimony

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 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. 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 plan finally done.

As a young and new homeowner in the Shady Grove Sector, I am extremely disappointed that promises made to Westside residents by the County have yet to be fulfilled. There are numerous residents who bought homes based on the plan to develop this area into a vibrant community, filled with homes, a school, park and businesses that are beneficial to the residents. Thus, approval of this budget proposal will help the County to finally prioritize the relocation of the bus depot, which is the main cause of delay in completing the plans for the Shady Grove Sector.