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Good afternoon to the Council, and especially to you, Councilmember Luedtke, District 7's direct representative on the Council, and to you all, Councilmembers Albornoz, Glass, Jawando, Sayles, our At-Large representatives:

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 850+ individuals have signed our community's MoveOn petition urging you, 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. My community and I thank you.

While I am on the subject of MCPS, I would like to add that I urge you, and MCPS, to keep the Magruder High School Major Capital Project squarely on schedule, as proposed in the County Executive's recommended CIP released January 15. While I understand that the Board of Education may need to identify "non-recommended delays" in order to get the school system's capital budget in order, I and many other MCPS families would find such a recommendation unacceptable. Put simply, we expect the County to pursue its stated investment in Magruder, if not invest in the school faster, as part their overall strategic investment in the central part of the County which, in the eyes of many, continues to languish unacceptably while other areas and schools of the county grow and flourish through tax-payer dollars and private investment.

Thank you.

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