

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:

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

My husband and I (pre-children) purchased in this neighborhood in 2016 and moved into our home early 2017. We were attracted by the upcoming developments, which included an elementary school and a park. Our son is now ready to start elementary school, and the promised school did not come to fruition, nor did the park. The value of our home has not increased, leaving us with no ability to seek out these developments elsewhere. The residents of this neighborhood deserve to be prioritized. We cannot attract retail until that space opens up, and our property values will remain depressed. I implore you to complete this project.

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.

With respect,

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