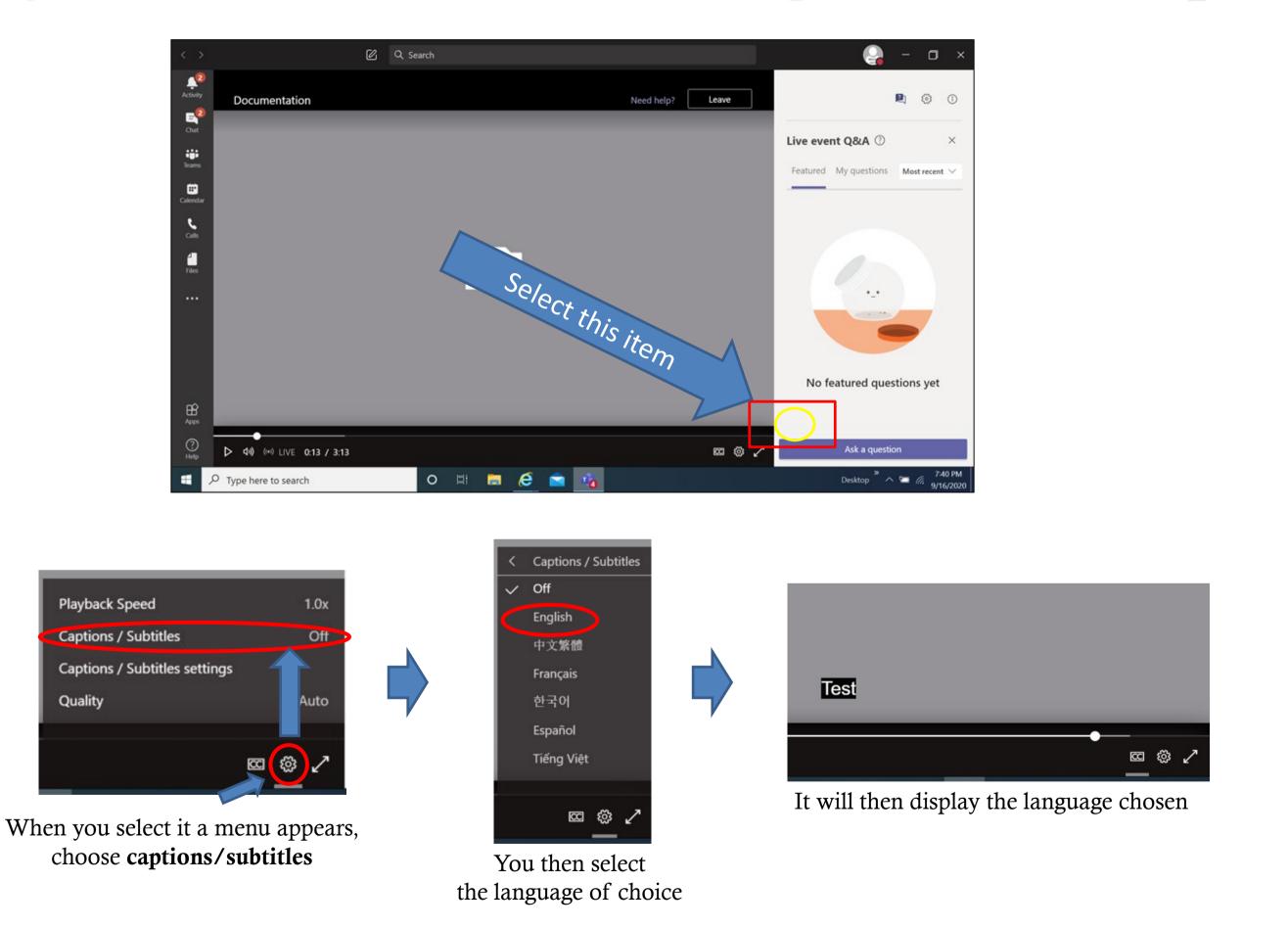


County Executive's FY23 Operating Budget Forum October 2021

Montgomery County Government Rockville, Maryland

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Agenda



- Welcome & Introduction Regional Services
 Director
- Welcome Remarks Chair, Citizens Advisory Board
- Presentation Office of Management and Budget
- Remarks County Executive Marc Elrich
- Community Questions & Comments
- Closing Remarks County Executive Marc Elrich

OMB Presentation



- Purpose of Budget Forums
- Understanding Our Budget
- Building the Operating Budget & Process
 Timeline
- Online Resources Open Budget
- Fiscal Outlook
- County Executive's Policy Goals & Operating Budget Priorities

Purpose of Budget Forums



- Provide residents with an opportunity to express their priorities and views on the County's Operating Budget
- Inform residents about the County's Operating Budget
- Encourage participation and engagement in the process

Thank You!!



The County Executive and the Citizens Advisory Board thank you for taking this opportunity to learn about the County's operating budget, to express your views on the County's Operating Budget priorities and get answers to your questions.

Understanding Our Budget





Two Budgets - One County



Operating Budget: Services

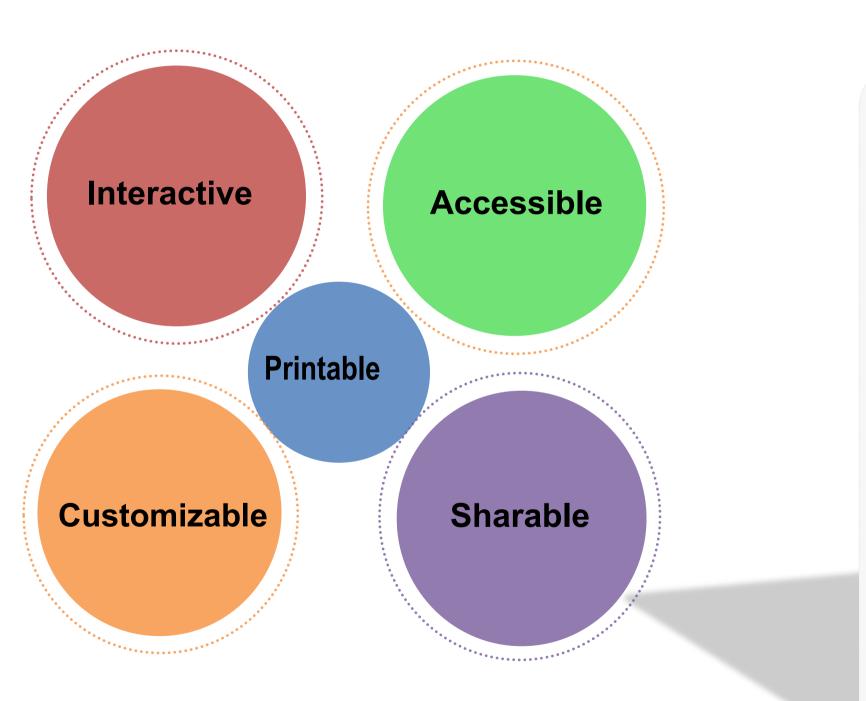
- ► K-12 Education
- ➤ Community College Education
- Public Safety: Police, Fire, Courts, Corrections and Sheriff
- Transportation: Roads, Traffic and Bus
- ➤ Social Services: Health, Income Maintenance and Other
- ➤ Environmental Protection
- ➤ Parks, Recreation and Libraries
- ➤ Land-Use Planning and Regulation
- ➤ Trash Collection and Disposal
- Economic Development
- ➤ Debt Service

Capital Budget: Facilities

- ➤ Schools and College Facilities
- ➤ Roads and Bridges
- ➤ Water and Sewer Facilities
- ➤ Information Technology Infrastructure
- **►** Library Buildings
- ➤ Police and Fire Stations
- ➤ General Government Facilities
- Funded Primarily Through the Issuance of Bonds

Open Budget - Operating

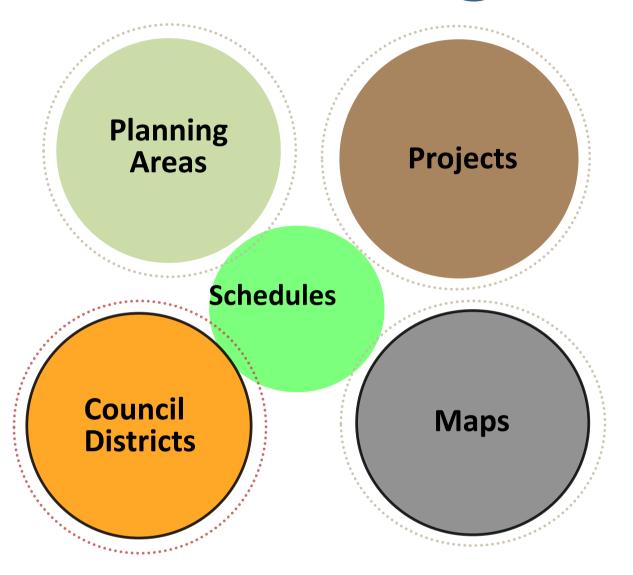
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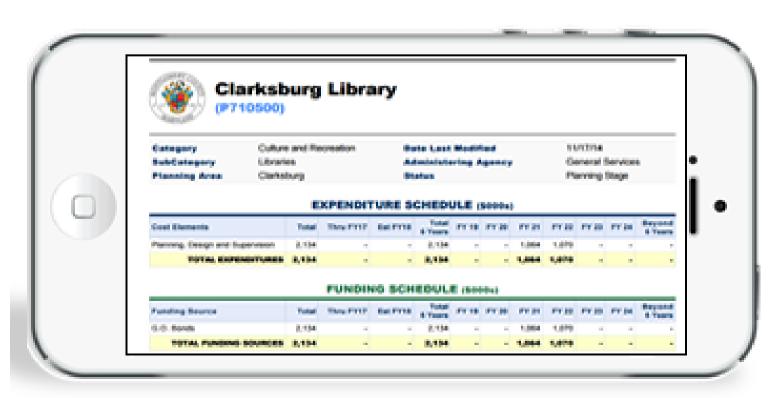




Open Budget - Capital Including Projects & MAPS









Building The Operating Budget





Building the FY23 Operating Budget



- 1. Revenue Estimates
- 2. Enrollment Forecast
- 3. Fixed Costs for:
 - Employee salaries & benefits
 - Current & future retiree benefits
- 4. Debt service & capital contributions
- 5. New State & Federal Laws
- 6. COVID-19 Crisis

Operating Budget Process



FALL

County departments review performance data & prepare budget proposals

WINTER

County Executive reviews data & proposals with OMB & leadership teams

MARCH 15

County Executive transmits formal budget proposal to County Council

SPRING

County Council
holds public hearings,
work sessions, and
adopts the budget by
the end of May

Community Participation



- County Executive Sponsored Budget Forums
- County Executive Initiated Virtual Town Halls
- Boards, Committees, and Commissions
- Letters/Emails
- County Council Public Hearings
- Online Resources

Community Participation Regional Community Advisory Boards



The five regional Community Advisory Boards are a way to keep up to date on issues affecting your communities and to have a voice. Take an active role by participating and engaging in your local Advisory Boards. Currently these meetings are being held online and are open to the public. Join with your computer, laptop, tablet, phone or call in with your phone.

If you have any questions, please contact the respective Regional Service Directors of the five regions.

For more information, go to the following websites for each of the five regions:

UpCounty - https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/

Mid-County - https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/midcounty/

East County - https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty/

Bethesda-Chevy Chase - https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc/

Silver Spring - https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/silverspring/

Fiscal Outlook





Fiscally Responsible Government



Montgomery County is Focused on Financial Sustainability

- Balanced Budget Required By Law Despite Revenue Volatility
- Aggressive Reserve Target Policy
- Manage the Rate in Growth of Debt Expenditures
- Well-Managed Retirement Obligations Pre-funding for pensions and retiree health insurance (OPEB)

Fiscal Outlook



Approved FY22 Operating Budget Fiscal Snapshot

- The total approved FY22 operating budget increased 2.3% over the FY21 approved budget.
- A large portion of the General Fund expenditures are mandatory. MCPS and College budgets are subject to future Maintenance of Effort requirements, Revenue Stabilization Fund, and debt service payments constituted 65% of the FY22 approved general fund revenues.

Fiscal Outlook & Revenues



- FY21 **preliminary** actual tax revenues for major taxes such as income tax, property tax, and recordation and transfer taxes are up compared to March 2021 estimates. FY21 results will not be final until the Department of Finance completes the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report at the end of the year. The infusion of federal funding in FY20, FY21, and FY22 created better circumstances for building the FY23 budget without federal assistance.
- Uncertainty around bus fares, licenses, permits, fines and other revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In September, the State of Maryland reported ending FY21 with a significant surplus.
- The County's August income tax distribution was above revised estimates.
- Critical information needed to refine revenue estimates will not be known until later in October (property taxes) and November (income taxes).

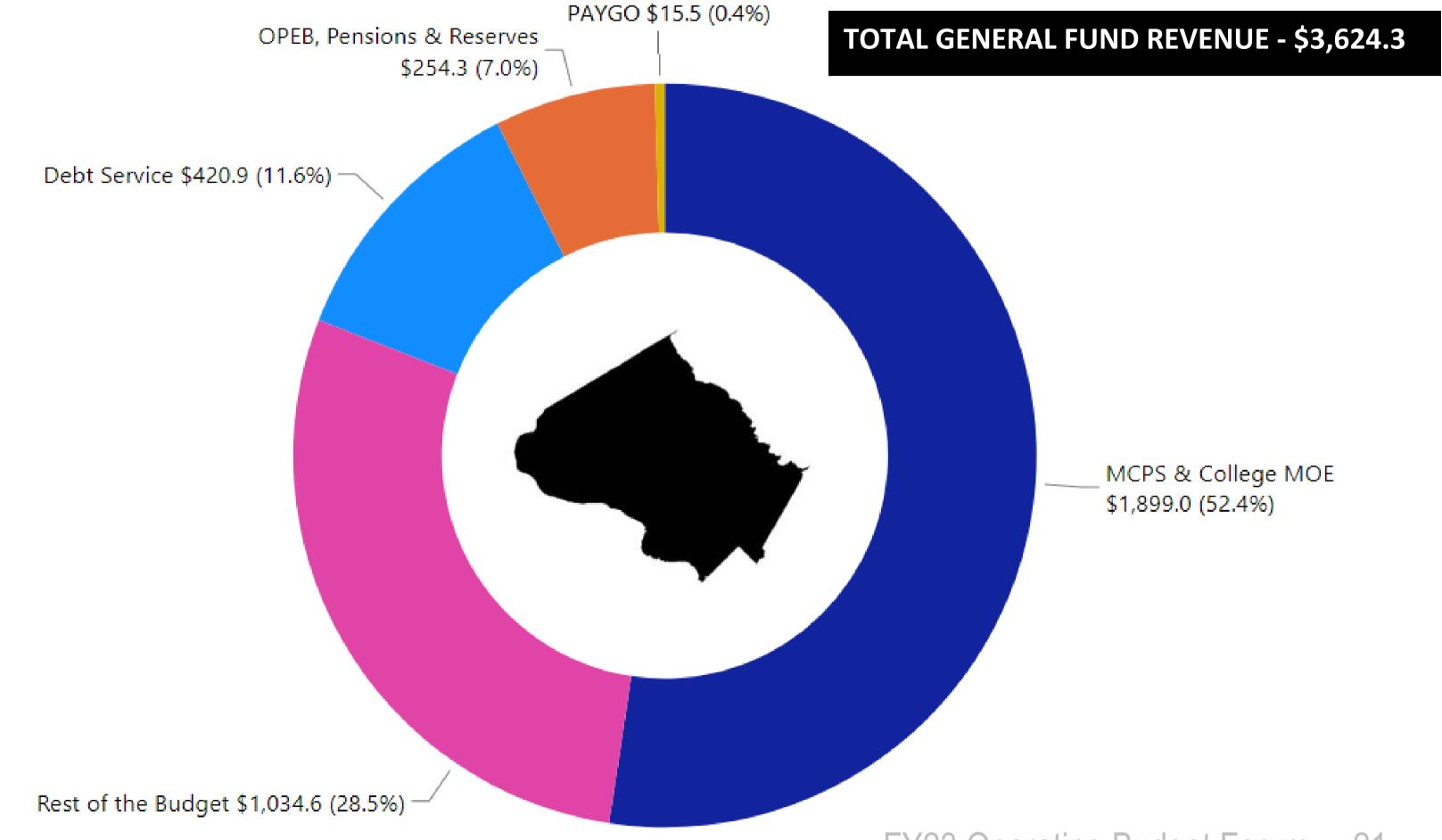
Fiscal Outlook & Revenues



- Homes sales have increased 31.6% through July 2021 compared to January - July 2020.
- Because of the COVID-19 crisis, the County's unemployment rate increased from 3.2% in July 2019 to 8.6% in July 2020. The County's July 2021 unemployment rate is 5.7%.
- Federal related unemployment and business assistance programs were critical in mitigating County and State revenues during the pandemic.

FY22 Fixed and Other Commitments as a % of General Fund Revenue (\$millions)



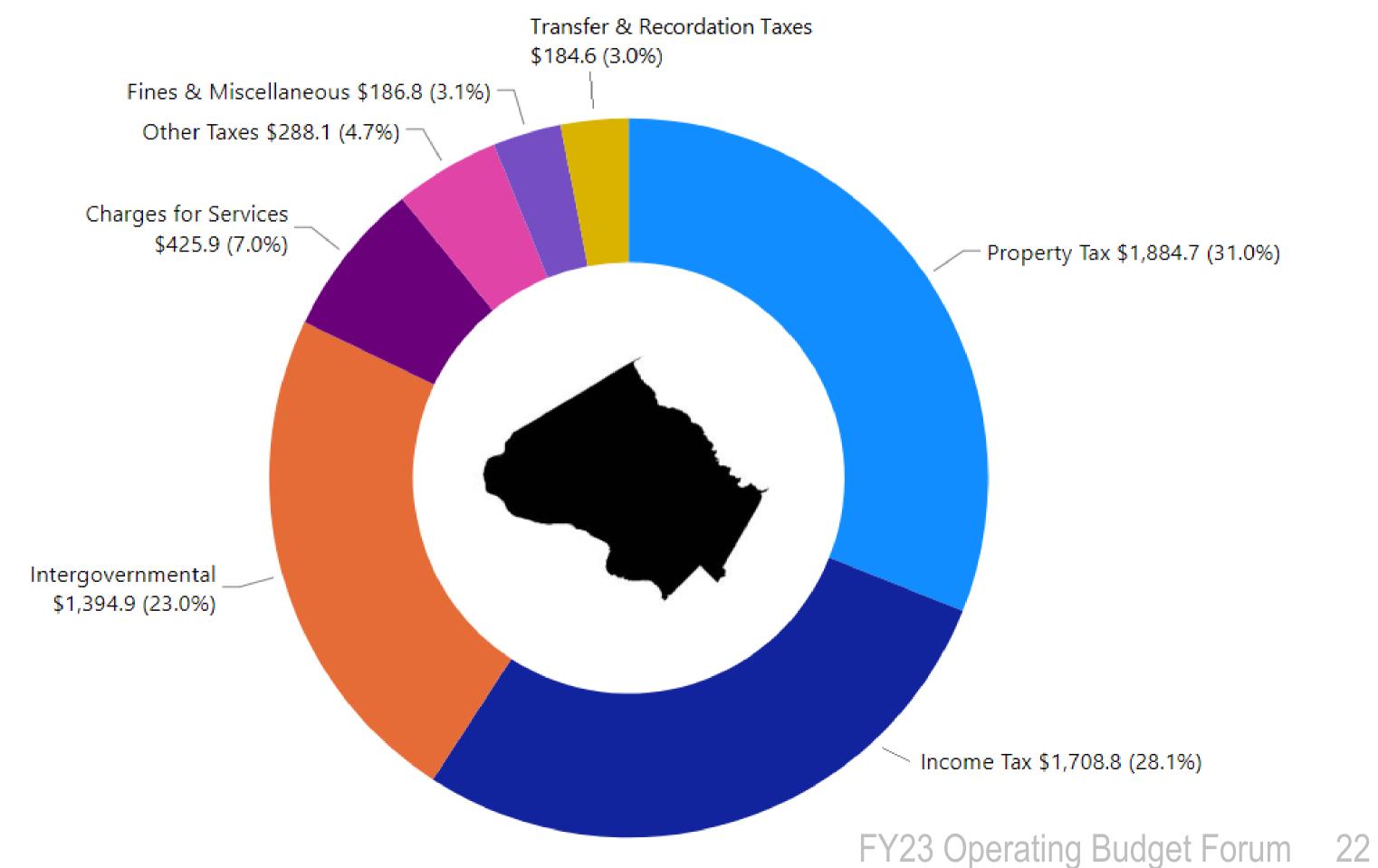


FY22 Approved Revenues (\$millions)



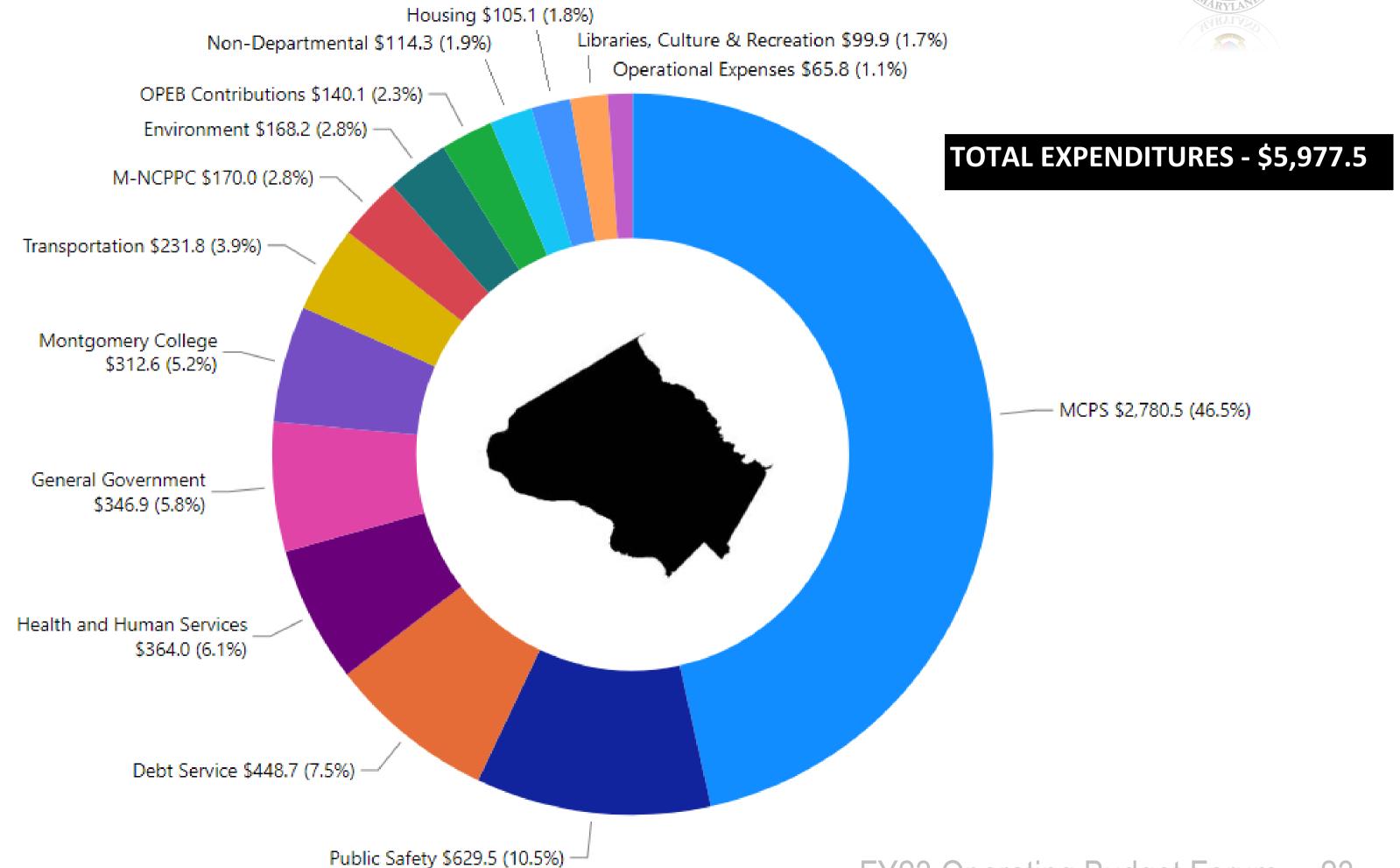
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

TOTAL REVENUES - \$6,073.9



FY22 Approved Expenditures by Operating Function (\$millions)







County Executive Marc Elrich

County Executive Marc Elrich's Policy Goals — The 5 Es



- Educational Opportunities for All
- Equity and Advancing Social Justice
- Economic Development Across the County
- Environmental Sustainability to Fight Climate
 Change
- Efficient and Effective Public Services

County Executive Marc Elrich's Signature Initiatives



- Expanding Early Care and Education
- Preserving & Increasing Affordable Housing
- Building Bus Rapid Transit
- Fighting Climate Change
- Improving Economic and Community Development
- Reimagining Public Safety
- Advancing Racial Equity & Social Justice

County Executive Marc Elrich's Signature Initiatives



- Expanding Early Care and Education develop a comprehensive system of high-quality, accessible and affordable early childhood education
- Preserving & Increasing Affordable Housing focus on eviction and homelessness prevention, tenant education, limitations on rental increases, and rental assistance
- Building Bus Rapid Transit focus on high quality, frequent, reliable transit option for Montgomery County
- **Fighting Climate Change -** goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions Countywide 80% by 2027 and achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 while prioritizing racial equity, social justice, and public health
- Improving Economic and Community Development focus on economic recovery and workforce development
- Reimagining Public Safety identify and address implicit bias and institutional racism in all aspects of the public safety system
- Advancing Racial Equity & Social Justice through legislation, budget appropriations, supplemental
 appropriations, training for employees

Successes



COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programs

- Rental Assistance & Homelessness Prevention: \$44 million in Assistance Provided To Date
- Small Businesses: Over \$25 million in Direct Assistance
- **■** Economic and Tourism Revitalization: \$25 million
- Expanding the Working Families Income Supplement Program: \$25 million
- **■** Food Security: \$25 million
- Child Care Assistance: Over \$15 million
- Emergency Assistance for Families: \$11 million
- Direct Aid to Hospitals: \$10 million
- Targeted Health Programs to Underserved and Hardest Hit Communities: \$24.4 million
- Creation of a Mobile Health Clinic to Address Health Disparities: \$900,000

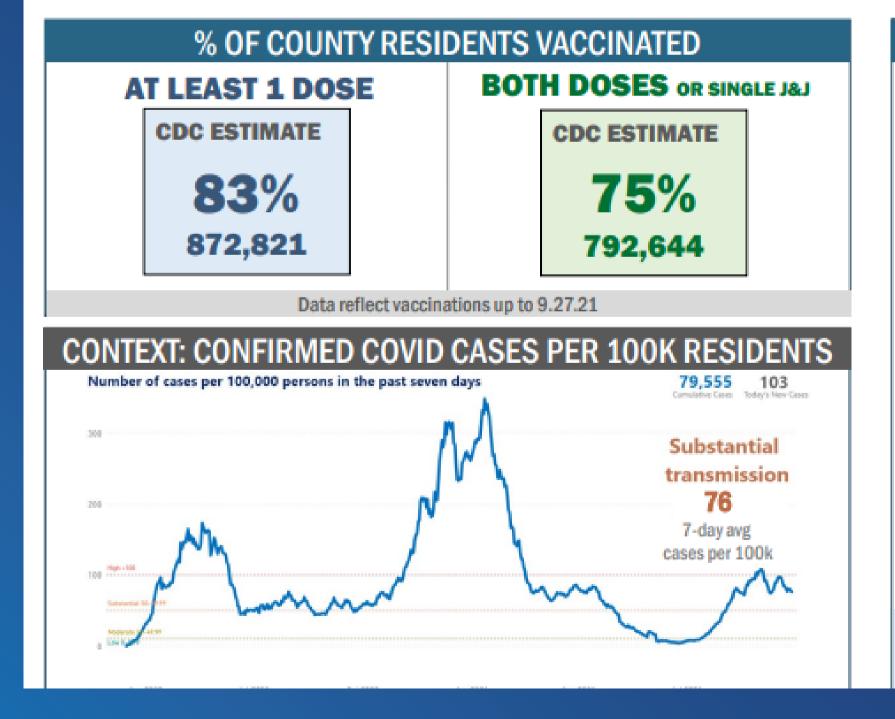
COVID-19 Vaccinations & Testing

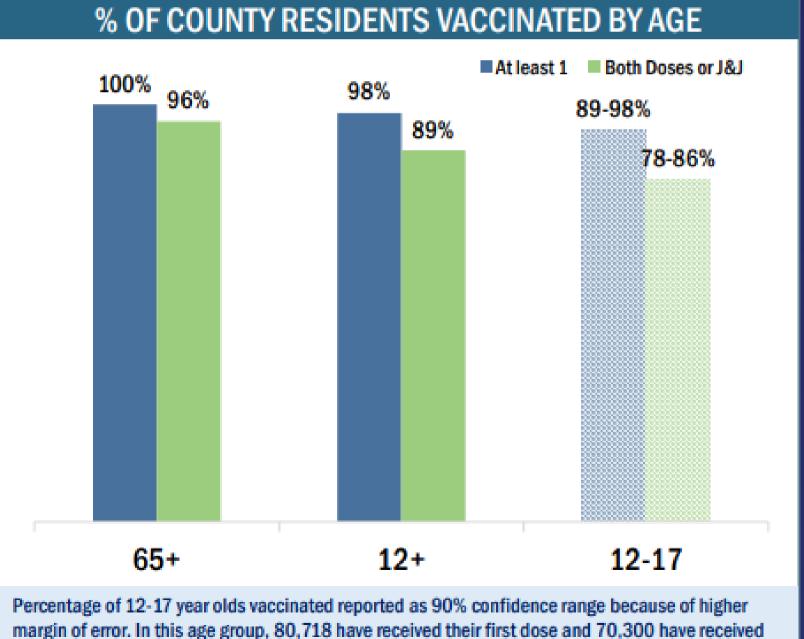
Montgomery County Ranks #1 Nationwide Percentage of 12 years + population fully vaccinated among all U.S. Counties with > 300,000 residents

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: CDC

Montgomery County continues to rank **#1 nationwide** for % of 12+ population <u>fully</u> vaccinated among all US Counties with > 300K residents.

their second dose as of 9.27.2021.





COVID-19 Vaccinations & Testing

COVID-19 TESTING

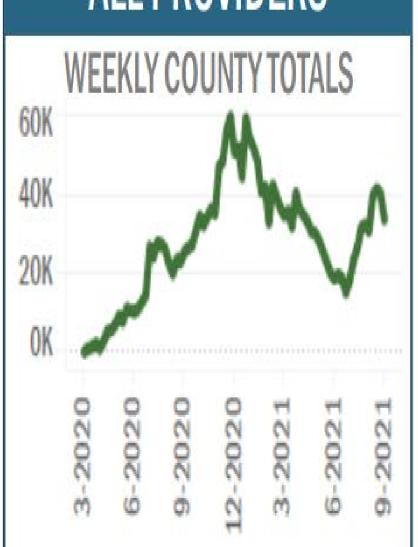
DHHS data reflect tests administered up to 9.26.21; subject to retroactive changes.

Source: DHHS, as of 9.27.21.

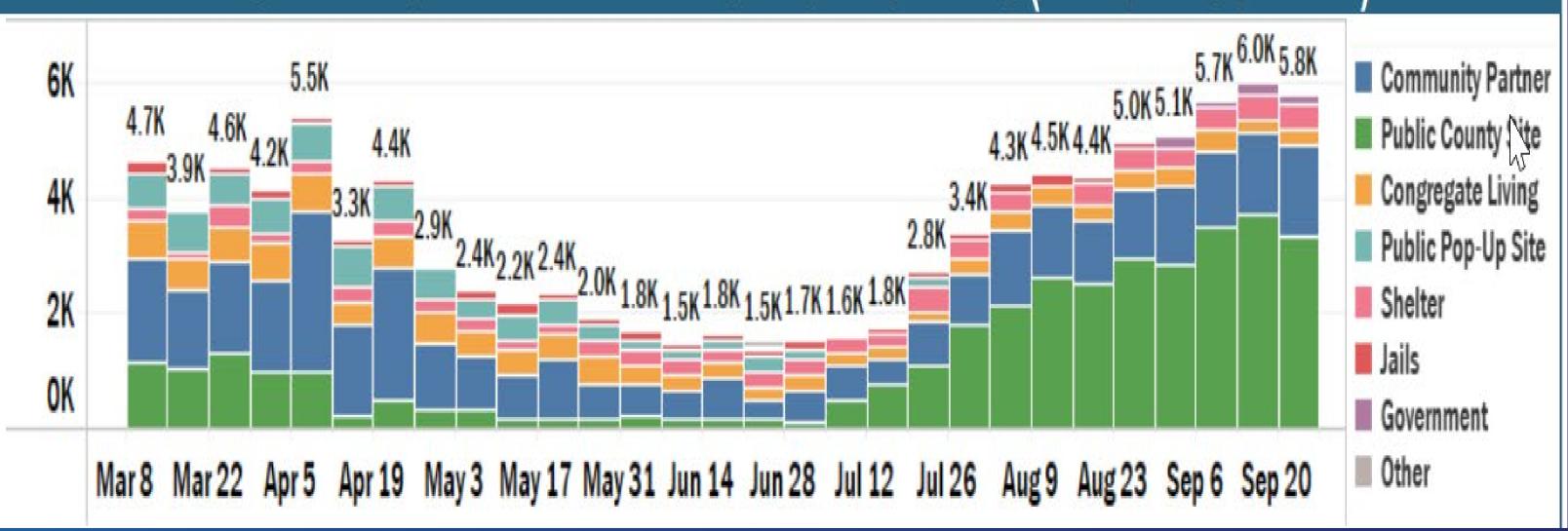
DHHS ADMINISTERED DHHS LAST 7 DAYS

335,530
ALL TIME





DHHS ADMINISTERED - WEEKLY TOTALS BY SETTING (MARCH - CURRENT)



Successes



COVID-19 Vaccinations & Testing

Montgomery County Ranks #1 Nationwide for 12 years + population fully vaccinated among all

U.S. Counties with > 300,000 residents

- **■** Fully Vaccinated (as of 9/27/2021)
 - 98.7% of Total Population
 - 89.4% of > 12 years of Age
 - 89.8% of > 18 years of Age
 - 96.1% of > 65 years of Age
- Testing Successes (as of 9/26/2021)
 - 335,530 Administered (March 8 through Sept 20)
 - 5,796 Administered (during the last 7 days)



Federal Response

- \$388 million in direct aid to County
- \$424 million for MCPS
- \$75 million for Montgomery College
- \$70 million for transit services
- \$75 million in rental assistance & eviction prevention
- \$5.5 billion for state government

Applying Multiple Lenses

- **FY23 Operating Budget Development Process**
 - Racial Equity Lens Expand the development of a Budget Equity Tool
 - Climate Change Lens Reduce greenhouse gas emissions Countywide 80% by 2027 and achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 (Climate Action Plan released June 2021)
 - Employee Input Lens Review ideas from County employees
 - Community Participation Listen to ideas from the community



Applying Multiple Lenses

Climate Change Momentum

- Environmental Sustainability
- Microgrid Initiative clean and renewable energy sources
- Electric Ride On buses 14 in service and forthcoming, with 59 total by 2025
- Goal All Electric Fleet by 2035

Get Vaccinated!



Walk into County-run clinics without an appointment.



Get Tested!



FREE COVID-19 TESTING

- No Doctor's Order or Appointment Needed
- Locations Around Montgomery County





QUESTIONS



If you have any additional questions, please contact the respective Regional Services Center Director from the five regions.

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