



OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE


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MEMORANDUM

October 15, 2024

To: Jennifer Bryant, Director
Office of Management and Budget

From: Tiffany Ward, Director
Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice 

Re: Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) Supplemental Appropriation (SA) #25-7
FY25 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Police,
Public Safety Communications Center, Phase II, Electrical Distribution and HVAC
Upgrade (\$3,100,000)

- I. **FINDING:** The Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) finds that Supplemental Appropriation # 25-7 - FY25 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Police, Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC), Phase II, Electrical Distribution and HVAC Upgrade is unlikely to reduce racial disparities and inequities. Similar to other evaluations of the PSCC Phase II project, this supplemental funding is unlikely to have an impact on racial disparities and inequities related to emergency response, public safety, or other essential functions.
- II. **BACKGROUND:** The purpose of SA #25-7 is to fund cost increases for mechanical, roof replacement, and electrical updates related to market conditions and project phasing requirements needed to minimize impacts to 9-1-1 Center operations. According to the Project Description Form (PDF), Phase II of the PSCC project provides for the renovation and upgrade of the electrical distribution and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, with specific upgrades including emergency generators replacement, redundant electrical distribution, condenser water distribution upgrade, rooftop units upgrade, and heat pumps replacements.¹

¹ https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/Resources/Files/omb/pdfs/fy25/cip_pdf/P472102.pdf

III. **ANALYSIS**: ORESJ has previously reviewed cost increases for the PSSC Phase II project. Our analysis can be found in the following REIA's:

- #23-70 FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program for the Public Safety Communications Center Phase II
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/23-70.pdf>
- #23-94 for Public Safety Communications Center Phase II
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/23-94.pdf>

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