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TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mary R. Bradford, Director
Gene Giddens, Deputy Director
Christine Brett, Chief, Enterprise Division

FROM: Karen Warnick, Acting Regional Operations Manager, Enterprise Division

SUBJECT: Status of the Enterprise Fund and Division Task Force Report – Staff Draft

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion of the *Enterprise Fund Task Force Report - Staff Draft* and guidance on drafting the Departmental recommendations for the future of the Enterprise Fund.

A Task Force was convened in the summer of 2007 to examine the Montgomery County Enterprise Fund policy and to make recommendations for the future of the Enterprise Fund and Division.

The Task Force members included:

Karen Warnick	Enterprise Division, Chair of Task Force
Jerry Bush	Enterprise Division
Gary Harman	Southern Region
John Henderson	Department of Human Resources and Management
Mike Horrigan	Northern Region
Joe O'Neill	Prince George's Parks and Recreation
Barbara Walsh	Department of Finance
Al Warfield	Department of Finance

The Task Force reviewed the historical background and evolution of enterprise accounting and the Enterprise Fund in both the Montgomery County and Prince George's County sides of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The Task Force found that while the Montgomery County Enterprise Fund policy of complete sustainability did work for a while under a very unique set of circumstances, this policy is no longer viable. There is an urgency to take significant action now to change the policy. Remaining status quo would be detrimental to the residents' benefit of affordable programming and to maintaining the infrastructure of our aging facilities.

The Task Force developed five recommendations. The attached document provides a synopsis of the history of the Enterprise Fund and a full explanation of each recommendation.

We are presenting this *Enterprise Fund Task Force Report - Staff Draft* for your review, input, and discussion. Your feedback and guidance will be incorporated into the Department's recommendations and a final report will be presented to you later this fall. After your approval, the Final Task Force Report and Departmental recommendations will be transmitted to the Montgomery County Council.