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Agenda Item #7

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2025

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Jason K. Sartori, Planning Director *JS*
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FROM: Carl Morgan, Special Projects & Policy Manager *CM*
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SUBJECT: Special Appropriation FY26 – Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor Transportation Study, \$100,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Planning Board recommends approval of the Montgomery County Council's Special Appropriation to the Montgomery County FY26 Operating Budget, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor Transportation Study, \$100,000 (Source of Funds: Montgomery County Government General Fund Undesignated Reserves).

BACKGROUND

This special appropriation was introduced by Councilmember Balcombe on July 29, 2025, to fund the completion of a comprehensive study of travel needs and master-planned transportation capacity in the Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor. It would also fund the feasibility and timeline of implementing planned and existing master-planned transportation improvements along the corridor. This study was recommended in the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2025 Technical Update.

The special appropriation is for the Planning Department, who would manage the project and work in coordination with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).

Councilmembers Friedson and Luedke have listed themselves as cosponsors of this special appropriation.

A public hearing is scheduled for September 30, 2025, at 1:30pm.

REQUEST FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE FY25 OPERATING BUDGET

On April 29, 2025, the Planning Board transmitted a draft technical update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways (MPOHT). This transmittal included a recommendation to conduct a comprehensive study of travel needs and master-planned transportation capacity in the Clarksburg to Germantown Corridor. Specifically, page 19 of the draft plan stated:

To ensure that there is sufficient transportation capacity to serve future travel demand in the Clarksburg to Germantown corridor, a comprehensive study of travel needs should be conducted to determine whether there is sufficient master-planned transportation capacity to accommodate planned development.

On July 21, 2025, the Council's Transportation and Environment Committee recommended amending the study provision of the MPOHT to also include the feasibility and timeline of implementing planned and existing master-planned transportation improvements and to include Montgomery Village in the extents of the Corridor. This additional language means that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation will need to play a co-equal role in this study. Specifically, the approved recommendation states:

To ensure that there is sufficient transportation capacity to serve existing and future travel demand in the Clarksburg to [Germantown] Montgomery Village corridor, a comprehensive study of travel needs should be conducted to determine whether there is sufficient master-planned transportation capacity to accommodate planned development, as well as the feasibility and timeline of implementing planned and existing master-planned transportation improvements.

On July 29, 2025, the County Council approved the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways – 2025 Technical Update, including the revised language about the Clarksburg to Montgomery Village corridor transportation study.

This special appropriation is intended to fund a study undertaken by the Planning Department, in coordination with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), including any necessary consultant services.

ACTION

The Planning Board recommends approval of Supplemental Appropriation to fund this part of the amended work program for the Master Plan of Highway and Transitways.

Approved by the Planning Board: _____ Date: _____
Artie L Harris, Planning Board Chair

Attachment:

- Draft Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation for the FY25 Operating Budget, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery Planning, Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan, \$110,000











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Resolution: _____
Introduced: July 29, 2025
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Balcombe
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Friedson and Luedke

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor Transportation Study, \$100,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Undesignated Reserves)

Background

1. Maryland Code, Land Use Section 18-108, provides that the Council may amend the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) approved budget by resolution. The Council may adopt the amendment after receiving the Executive's recommendation and holding a public hearing.
2. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation that states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
3. On April 29, 2025, the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted a draft technical update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways (MPOHT). This transmittal included a recommendation to conduct a comprehensive study of travel needs and master-planned transportation capacity in the Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor.
4. On July 21, 2025, the Transportation and Environment Committee recommended amending the study provision of the MPOHT to also include the feasibility and timeline of implementing planned and existing master-planned transportation improvements along the Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor.
5. This special appropriation is intended to fund a study undertaken by the Planning Department, in coordination with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), including any necessary consultant services.

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

6. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following actions:

1. A special appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Planning Department of the M-NCPPC is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to fund the completion of a comprehensive study of travel needs and master-planned transportation capacity in and feasibility and timeline of implementing planned and existing master-planned transportation improvements along the Clarksburg to Montgomery Village Corridor as required by the 2025 Technical Update to the *Master Plan of Highways and Transitways*.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council