

Resolution No.: 20-994
Introduced: November 18, 2025
Adopted: December 2, 2025

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #26-23 to the FY26 Capital Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Transportation
White's Ferry (No. 502606), \$1,500,000

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of seven Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive recommends the following capital project appropriation increases:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
White's Ferry	502606	Other	\$1,500,000	State Aid
3. The increase is needed because processing of the grant approval has progressed with the State, and the funds should now be appropriated.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,500,000 for White's Ferry (No. 502606) and specifies that the source of funds will be State Aid.

- 5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY26 Capital Budget is approved as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
White's Ferry	502606	Other	\$1,500,000	State Aid

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

White's Ferry
(P502606)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	04/10/25
SubCategory	Roads	Administering Agency	Transportation
Planning Area	Poolesville and Vicinity	Status	Planning Stage

Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Other	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Current Revenue: General	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 26 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	-
Supplemental Appropriation Request	1,500	Last FY's Cost Estimate	-
Cumulative Appropriation	-		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for a public incentive to the owners of Potomac Crossing LLC and Rockland Farm LLC to restore the operation of White's Ferry to provide ferry service between Montgomery County, MD and Loudoun County, VA. The project includes planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, acquisition of property rights and capital equipping to restore ferry service.

LOCATION

White's Ferry Potomac River crossing in Dickerson, MD

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Agreement between the property owners is required by July 1, 2026. Resumption of the ferry service is dependent on permitting, land use approvals and an operating agreement between the parties.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Ferry service across the Potomac River is recognized as an important part of the region's transportation network. White's Ferry ceased operations on December 28, 2020, following a Circuit Court opinion in a private lawsuit over the use of private land for the ferry landing in Virginia. Prior to closing, White's Ferry transported approximately 600 to 800 vehicles per day across the river and connected bicyclists and pedestrians between Montgomery County, Maryland, and Loudoun County, Virginia.

FISCAL NOTE

State Aid in FY26 reflects a State grant for capital projects in Montgomery County programmed during the 2025 Maryland General Assembly session. FY26 supplemental in State Aid for the amount of \$1,500,000.

DISCLOSURES

The County Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

COORDINATION

Maryland Department of Transportation, Loudoun County, Virginia Department of Transportation