

Resolution No.: 20-1029  
Introduced: December 9, 2025  
Adopted: February 3, 2026

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program and Supplemental Appropriation #26-40 to the FY26 Capital Budget Montgomery County Government Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Public Safety Joint Operations Center (P362607), \$2,439,000

**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. Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
3. 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>
Public Safety Joint Operations Center	362607	Other	\$1,220,000	Recordation Tax
			<u>\$1,219,000</u>	GO Bonds
TOTAL			\$2,439,000	

4. The recommended supplemental appropriation and amendment is consistent with the criteria for amending the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) because it creates a new capital project leveraging County resources to advance emergency management activities funded through State and Federal Grants. Funds will support improvements to existing space in the Public Safety Headquarters building to house a new Public Safety Joint Operations Center (PSJOC) to ensure cross-disciplinary coordination in response to emergency incidents at all times of the day. The center will include the Police Operations Center, Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC), Drone as a First Responder, Fire and Rescue Operations Center, Emergency Medical Services Transport Disposition Officer, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Situational Awareness Watch Desk, Resource Management System, and Public Warning System, to increase government efficiency, enhance service delivered to the public, and to better protecting our responders.
5. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,439,000 for the Public Safety Joint Operations Center (P362607) and specifies that the source of funds will be Recordation Tax Premium and GO Bonds.
6. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

The FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program of the Montgomery County Government is amended as reflected on the attached project description form and a supplemental appropriation is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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 Sara R. Tenenbaum  
 Clerk of the Council



**Public Safety Joint Operations Center**  
(P362607)

Category	Public Safety	Date Last Modified	10/22/25
SubCategory	Other Public Safety	Administering Agency	General Services
Planning Area	Gaithersburg and Vicinity	Status	Under Construction

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	2,439	-	-	2,439	-	2,439	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)**

G.O. Bonds	1,219	-	-	1,219	-	1,219	-	-	-	-	-
Recordation Tax	1,220	-	-	1,220	-	1,220	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)**

Appropriation FY 26 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	-
Supplemental Appropriation Request	2,439	Last FY's Cost Estimate	-
Cumulative Appropriation	-		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Public Safety Joint Operations Center (PSJOC) will centralize critical emergency response functions from Montgomery County's Police, Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management agencies into a single, modernized facility. Located at the Public Safety Headquarters, the PSJOC will house the Police Operations Center, Real Time Intelligence Center, Drone as a First Responder, Fire and Rescue Operations Center, EMS Transport Disposition Officer, OEMHS Watch Desk, Resource Management System, and Public Warning System. This consolidation will enhance 24/7 cross-agency coordination, improve situational awareness, and streamline emergency response operations. Funding includes infrastructure upgrades such as Information Technology (IT) and radio systems, electrical enhancements, a video wall, modular furniture, and software licensing; all aimed at improving public safety and responder effectiveness.

**LOCATION**

100 Edison Park Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**ESTIMATED SCHEDULE**

Construction of this project is expected to begin and be completed in FY26.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

The establishment of the Public Safety Joint Operations Center (PSJOC) is a critical investment in Montgomery County's emergency preparedness and response infrastructure. By consolidating key public safety functions-including Police, Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management-into a single, integrated facility, the County will significantly enhance its ability to coordinate real-time responses to emergencies. This project addresses the growing complexity of public safety operations and the need for seamless communication across disciplines. The PSJOC will streamline operations, reduce response times, and improve situational awareness, ultimately leading to more effective incident management and better protection for both residents and first responders.

**FISCAL NOTE**

FY26 supplemental in G.O. Bonds for the amount of \$1,219,000, Recordation Tax for the amount of \$1,220,000.

**COORDINATION**

Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Police Department (MCPD) and Fire and Rescue Services (MCFRS).