

Resolution No.: 20-1153
Introduced: May 12, 2026
Adopted: June 9, 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 (CIP) and Supplemental Appropriation #26-79 to the FY26 Capital Budget Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Sustainability Initiatives (No. 652306), \$3,222,655

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>
Sustainability Initiatives	652306	Construction	\$3,222,655	State Aid

4. This increase is needed to reflect energy incentive rebates that MCPS received from the State of Maryland under the EmPOWER program (\$3,155,155), the Maryland Energy

Administration Electric Vehicle (EV) Supply Equipment Rebate Program (\$20,000), and the Potomac Electric Power Company EV Smart Fleet Program (\$47,500), to support energy efficient capital improvements in existing MCPS buildings and to fleet electrification infrastructure. The recommended amendment is consistent with the criteria for amending the CIP because the project cost is increasing by more than \$2,000,000 from the last adopted CIP.

- 4. The County Executive recommends an amendment to the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,222,655 for the Sustainability Initiatives project (No. 652306) and specifies that the source of funds will be State Aid.
- 5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

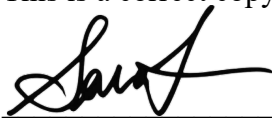
Action

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

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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Sustainability Initiatives	652306	Construction	\$3,222,655	State Aid

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council



Sustainability Initiatives (P652306)

Category	Montgomery County Public Schools	Date Last Modified	05/16/25
SubCategory	Countywide	Administering Agency	Public Schools
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

	Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	4,775	320	780	3,675	1,050	525	525	525	525	525	-
Construction	43,779	2,274	6,957	34,548	8,950	7,698	4,475	4,475	4,475	4,475	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	48,554	2,594	7,737	38,223	10,000	8,223	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-

	Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
G.O. Bonds	44,295	2,594	7,406	34,295	10,000	4,295	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
State Aid	4,259	-	331	3,928	-	3,928	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	48,554	2,594	7,737	38,223	10,000	8,223	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)				
Appropriation FY 26 Request		5,000	Year First Appropriation	FY23
Supplemental Appropriation Request		3,223	Last FY's Cost Estimate	50,151
Cumulative Appropriation		20,331		
Expenditure / Encumbrances		-		
Unencumbered Balance		20,331		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Maryland State law (Annotated Code of Maryland, *Education Article*, §5-312.1-School district energy policies) encourages school systems such as MCPS to set targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Montgomery County Climate Action Plan, released in June 2021, is a multi-year plan that includes many new requirements for construction, including electrification and restrictions on the use of natural gas. This project will provide funds to implement a variety of new capital projects to improve energy and utility use efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve resiliency, and align with other sustainability priorities for MCPS. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved to begin the evaluation of and provide funding for various sustainability features including: upgrades to automated building automation systems, building retrofits to improve energy efficiency, solar panel installations, renovating greenhouses, and support towards integrating sustainability features into academics. Due to fiscal constraints the amended FY23-FY28 CIP reflects a reduction in approved FY24 expenditures from \$7.5 million to \$5.0 million. The County Council approved additional expenditures in the outyears of the 2025-2030 CIP to reflect a level of effort funding. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved to continue this project and fund various sustainability features at schools and also focus on photovoltaic installations to align with the county's climate action goals. As MCPS analyzes its holistic sustainability initiatives approach throughout the school system, the Board's FY 2026 Request and County Council action was to reallocate \$5 million to other projects. This reallocation will not impact current initiatives.

FISCAL NOTE

FY24 supplemental for \$151,003 in State Aid. FY26 supplemental for \$3,222,655 in State Aid for rebates received from the EmPOWER Maryland program (\$3,155,155), the Maryland Energy Administration Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate Program (\$20,000), and the Potomac Electric Power Company Electric Vehicle Smart Fleet Program (\$47,500). FY26 supplemental in State Aid for the amount of \$3,222,655.

DISCLOSURES

Expenditures will continue indefinitely. MCPS 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

FY 2025 -- Salaries and Wages: \$98K, Fringe Benefits: \$43K, Workyears 1, FY 2026-2030: Salaries and Wages: \$490K, Fringe Benefits: \$213K, Workyears 5