



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM

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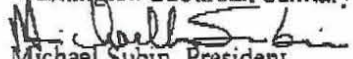
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SUBJECT: New policy regarding non-County-funded projects

Early in 1999 the Management and Fiscal Policy (MFP) Committee of the Council took up the subject of potential Council CIP approval for non-County-funded capital projects. The CIP currently includes project description forms for projects that have an expenditure of County funds. Periodically, however, a capital project is built by a private entity with entirely private funds on a public agency's property. Most projects of this type are small enough not to be the Council's concern. However, if the project is significant, its maintenance, operation and upkeep could have a future effect on the County's operating budget. It could also have negative community impact; that is, it could generate more than a minimal amount of additional traffic. Its presence also could preclude future public uses on the site. For all these reasons, the Council has an interest in the more significant private projects built on land belonging to a County agency.

After consultation with agency staff, the MFP Committee recommended the following policy that the Council approved February 22, 2000. The approved policy, effective immediately, is as follows:

The appropriate County agency must *notify* the Council about any non-County-funded capital project (to be constructed on the property of a County agency) that has a capital cost of at least \$100,000.

The agency must *submit a PDF for approval* for each non-County-funded capital project that has a capital cost of at least \$100,000 and meets at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) An annual operating budget impact equal to or greater than 10% of the capital cost; and/or**
- (2) Generates at least 25 vehicle trips during the peak one-hour period in the vicinity of the project.**

If the Council does not approve such a CIP project, either as part of a regular CIP (5 votes) or as a CIP amendment (6 votes), then the agency must not proceed with the project.

The Council may revisit these criteria in the next year or two. If your staff has any questions, please have them call Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director, at (240) 777-7936.

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