



Todd M. Turner
Chair
District 4

May 5, 2020

The Honorable Sidney Katz, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Katz:

The Prince George's County Council has reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Operating and Capital budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC). The Council's recommendations on each of these budgets are provided for your information.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

WSSC Operating Budget:

Listed below is a summary of recommended actions taken by the Council:

- Increase the combined water and sewer rates by 6.0% for FY 2021; recommend \$6.5 million in reductions to WSSC Proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget
- Approve the Commission's water production proposal of 164 million gallons per day in FY 2021.
- Approve the Commission's proposed level of authorized work-years at 1,776.
- Approve the Operating Budget of \$849.7 million, reflecting the \$6.5 million in reductions to WSSC's Proposed Operating Budget of \$856.2 million; recommend the reductions include the elimination of proposed salary enhancements to reflect the decision by both counties to forego compensation adjustments for similar employees.

WSSC Capital Budget:

The Council recommends WSSC's six-year Capital Improvements Program totaling \$3.7 billion, with FY 2021 Budget Year total of \$606.7 million, a \$31.8 million decrease from WSSC's FY 2020 Approved Capital Improvements Program. Specifically, the Council endorses the following recommendations to the WSSC FY 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program:

A. System Development Charge

- The Council concurs with WSSC's recommendation that the maximum allowable charge be increased by 1.5%, but still maintains the current rate of \$203 per fixture unit.

B. Capital Program Categories

Total WSSC CIP	\$375.1 million
Total Information Only	\$241.3 million

C. New CIP Projects

- The Council concurs with the addition of one new project, **Customer Resource Building** to the Approved FY 2020 CIP. The costs are anticipated to be offset by reductions to two existing CIP Projects, resulting in no increase to the FY 2020 Approved CIP

D. All Other Projects

- The Council concurs with all projects as proposed in WSSC FY 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvements Program.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

In light of the extraordinary financial challenges our nation, state and local governments are facing, we recommend elimination of the FY 2021 compensation adjustments in the Commission's proposed budget for represented and non-represented employees, taking into account the decision by both counties to forego compensation enhancements at this time. The elimination of these adjustments will result in reductions to the Commission's FY 2021 proposed budget of approximately \$2.3 million for Montgomery County and approximately \$3.2 million for Prince George's County.

With regard to the FY 2021 proposed Central Administrative Services (CAS) budget, Montgomery County proposed a number of reductions, as reflected in Attachment 1. The proposed reductions also result in reductions to Prince George's County. We recommend approval of the proposed budget as revised by the reductions proposed by Montgomery County, with the exception of one. We do not concur with the elimination of funding for the Supplier Diversity Program position.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

The Council recommends the amount of \$125,474 will be appropriated for the Prince George's County portion of the Fiscal Year 2021 Washington Suburban Transit Commission budget.

Sincerely,



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Council Chair

MC's recommended reductions to CAS Departments and the effect on both sides of the Commission

	Continuity of Service Reduction	MC	PGC	Total
Finance	Supplier Diversity Program Position	ξ 58,514	\$ 79,816	\$ 138,330
Legal	Restoration of FY20 MC Lapse	50,942	-	50,942
OIG	Additional Inspector Position	52,788	86,864	139,652
OIG	Training required by Govt standards	3,326	5,474	8,800
OIG	Peer Review Contract	1,134	1,866	3,000
Corporate IT	New Help Desk Initiative	43,265	41,735	85,000
CWIT	Dept share of new IT Projects			
	DHRM	2,390	2,390	4,780
	Finance	(670)	(670)	(1,340)
	Legal	9,840	9,840	19,680
	OIG	6,560	6,560	13,120
	Corp IT	7,370	7,370	14,740
Non-Departmental - Administration Fund	Reclassification Marker	145,740		145,740
Total		\$ 381,199	\$ 241,245	\$ 622,444