

The Honorable Natali Fani-Gonzalez, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Fani-Gonzalez:

The Prince George's County Council has reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 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:

- Recommend a 3.0 % increase in the combined volumetric water and sewer rates and fixed fees for FY 2027. As WSSC's Proposed Budget is based on a 5.0% increase, this recommendation will require approximately \$21.0 million in operating budget reductions.
- Approve the 1.0% Revenue Enhancement through the use of one-time revenue from interest income and a temporary rate stabilization fund.
- Approve the Commission's water production proposal of 162 million gallons per day in FY 2027.
- Approve the Commission's proposed level of authorized work years at 2,040, the same level approved for FY 2026.
- Approve the Operating Budget of \$1.175 billion, an increase of \$42.5 million (3.8%) over the FY 2026 Approved Budget.

#### *A. System Development Charge*

- The Council concurs with WSSC's recommendation to increase the Systems Development Charge and the maximum allowable charge by 2.4%.

#### *B. Capital Program Categories*

Total WSSC CIP	\$357.3 million
Total Information Only	\$421.2 million

*C. All Other Projects*

- The Council concurs with all projects, as proposed in the WSSC FY 2027 - 2032 Capital Improvements Program with the Mid-Cycle Update revisions approved by the Commissioners on February 18, 2026.

**MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

M-NCPPC Compensation and Bi-County Budget (Central Administrative Services)

Regarding the Commission’s budget proposal for Central Administrative Services (CAS), the funds of which are jointly allocable to both counties under Section 18-106 of the Maryland Land Use Article, we recommend that the Councils concur with the proposed funding for CAS as revised by the reductions proposed to meet Prince George’s County’s fiscal constraints.

The reductions to both Montgomery County and Prince George’s County are summarized in the table below. The Council’s recommendation for CAS is consistent with recommendations for both the Parks Department and the Planning Department where all new/enhanced programs, new positions, and increases over FY26 funding have been identified separately from the base budget.

<b>Central Administrative Services</b>		
	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>Prince George’s</b>
CORPORATE IT		
Personnel		(126,900)
Other Services and Charges		(1,824,581)
Capital Outlay		0
Chargebacks		(246,454)
Savings related to Walker Drive	(\$20,608)	(\$24,584)
Salary Lapse associated with delayed hiring	(\$19,402)	(\$25,098)
<b>Total Reductions to the Proposed FY27 Operating Budget</b>	<b>(\$40,010)</b>	<b>(\$2,247,617)</b>

The total reduction to the Central Administrative Services Operating Budget would be **\$2,287,627**. Since our counties are likely to approve different compensation amounts and policies for other County employees, we recommend that we support the amount allocated in the Commission budget for FY27 for compensation, recognizing that this may be more or less than other County agencies.

## WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

The Council recommends that \$149,293 be appropriated for the Prince George's County portion of the Fiscal Year 2027 Washington Suburban Transit Commission Administrative budget.

Sincerely,

Krystal Oriadha  
Chair  
Prince George's County Council