

The Honorable Kate Stewart, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Stewart:

The Prince George's County Council has reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 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 volumetric water and sewer rates and fixed fees by 9.5% for FY 2026.
- Approve the Commission's water production proposal of 162 million gallons per day in FY 2026.
- Approve the Commission's proposed level of authorized work years at 2,040, an increase of 77 work years over the approved FY 2025 level.
- Approve the Operating Budget of \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$101.6 million (10.0%) over the FY 2025 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 2.5%.

#### B. Capital Program Categories

Total WSSC CIP	\$358.7 million
Total Information Only	\$356.8 million

*C. All Other Projects*

- The Council concurs with all projects as proposed in WSSC FY 2026 - 2031 Capital Improvements Program.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

We recommend approval of agency-wide collective bargaining and compensation policies that consider adjustments for similar employees of both counties, namely (1) adjustments required under the Commission's agreements with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #30 and the Municipal and County Government Employees Organization (MCGEO), respectively, pending final negotiations and ratification of each agreement and (2) adjustments for non-represented employees. Compensation adjustments should not exceed the amount proposed in the Commission's FY 2026 budget (\$5.8 million for Montgomery County and \$8.3 million for Prince George's County).

With regard to the Central Administrative Services (CAS) budget, the Commission requested an FY 2026 funding level of \$28,826,852, allocated as \$13,634,863 from Montgomery County and \$15,191,989 from Prince George's County. Montgomery County approved a reduction in the Commission's requested budget, resulting in a total increase of \$365,956 for the Montgomery County portion over the current fiscal year budget. We recommend approval of this revised funding level, resulting in a decrease of \$200,462 below the current fiscal year budget for the Prince George's County portion. Therefore, we concur with FY 2026 funding for the CAS Budget as \$28,123,231, allocated as \$13,311,779 from Montgomery County and \$14,811,452 from Prince George's County.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

The Council recommends that \$145,345 be appropriated for the Prince George's County portion of the Fiscal Year 2026 Washington Suburban Transit Commission Administrative budget.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair  
Prince George's County Council