



# Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 17, 2018

## Agenda Item 1

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Adopting 2018 Legislative Priorities

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt legislative priorities for 2018.

### **Context with Key Issues**

Each year the Council adopts priorities in preparation for the legislative session of the General Assembly. Priorities identified to date for 2018:

- Additional funding (capital funds and/or bond bill funding) for the expansion and renovation of the Takoma Park Maryland Library
- Support for State Highway improvements to New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
- SHA cooperation with the City of Takoma Park on reconfiguring Takoma Junction (MD 410 and MD 195)
- Restoration of Highway User Revenue (HUR) to level from before the Recession
- Assistance with impacts from Purple Line construction
- School construction funding.

The Council discussed the priorities at a work session on January 10, 2018 to finalize the list for inclusion in the resolution. The draft resolution reflects the Council's direction.

### **Council Priority**

Livable Community for All; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Advance Economic Development Efforts

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

The Library renovation will include green features and increase energy efficiency. Improvements to Takoma Junction and New Hampshire Avenue will help make Takoma Park a more pedestrian and bike friendly community.

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

Legislation resulting from the priorities listed would increase revenue or support economic development efforts in the City.

### **Racial Equity Impact Statement**

The legislative priorities are not expected to disproportionately impact any particular group. However, improvements to the Takoma Park Maryland Library and area schools will benefit a large number of people of color and the increased economic health brought by the other priorities may allow the City to focus on Council priorities such as Race Equity.

**Attachments and Links**

Draft resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018-  
ADOPTING 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council determines legislative priorities in advance of the General Assembly Session in order to focus the resources of Council, staff, and the City's Legislative Advocate; and

WHEREAS, the following legislative priorities have been identified for 2018:

- Additional funding (capital funds and/or bond bill funding) for the expansion and renovation of the Takoma Park Maryland Library
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City's legislative advocacy in 2018 will focus on the listed priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT establishment of these legislative priorities does not limit the City's advocacy in support of or opposition to legislation that conforms to positions the Council has taken in the past or new positions to be taken by adoption of a Council resolution.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.