

**Councilmember
Tom Hucker
Presenting to:
Takoma Park
City Council**



Who I Am

- Live in Silver Spring with wife and two young sons.
- Elected to County Council in 2014; re-elected in 2018.
- Represent District 5, which extends from Takoma Park and Silver Spring to East County and Burtonsville.



What County Council Does

- Every May, adopt operating budget for fiscal year starting July 1.
- Every other May, approve six-year capital budget.
- Adopt and oversee county policies and programs.
- Approve county executive's appointments to boards and commissions.



\$5.8B Operating & \$4.4B Capital Budgets

Montgomery County's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Snapshot

Education 

\$2.68
billion total operating budget

Fully funded Board of Education's request & provided add'l **\$16 million** in State aid

MC **\$314.7** million total operating budget
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE  **\$3.1 million**

Community

\$14.5 million in community grants to **335** non-profits

\$20.1 million Working Families Supplement

\$42.8 million Libraries 

Expanded hours at Damascus & Long Branch libraries

Transportation & Environment

\$227 million Department of Transportation

 **+\$1 million** Kids Ride Free program

- Restored **4** Ride On routes
- Restored FareShare program

\$31.8 million Department of Environment (non-solid waste) 

\$400k New Climate Change Planning
Nearly \$500k Food waste composting efforts

Recreation & Parks

\$45.2 million Recreation Dept.
\$250k STEM Grants
Expanded hours for youth programs at **5** recreation centers
+ **4** Excel Beyond the Bell programs
+ **3** RecXtra programs

\$161.4 million M-NCPPC
\$109 million to support **422** parks & ballfields
\$100k WiFi in the parks

Operating Budget 2020

\$5.8 billion

Capital Budget

\$4.4 billion

↑ \$128.3 million OPEB
Reserve of 10%

Health & Human Services

\$327.8 million

\$1.35 million (3%) Increase to non-profit contracts

\$1.85 million Restore County's Developmental Disabilities Supplement

\$273,323 Security at Progress Place

↑ Funding for Montgomery Cares

- **2,000 +** Primary Care Visits
- Immunizations, Care for Kids
- Specialty Medical Care

• Expanded minority health initiatives 

Economic Development & Housing

\$5 million MCEDC  **\$1.7 million** WorkSource Montgomery 


\$3 million Incubator programs

\$65.2 million Housing Initiative Fund

↑ \$5 million Preservation & production of affordable housing 


Public Safety

\$223.2 million Fire & Rescue Service

 **20** New firefighters
\$2.18 million to reduce overtime

\$295.2 million Police Department


- **2** New school resource officer positions
- **44** New officers

+ **2** New Sheriffs 

Child Care & Youth Programming

\$84.1 million Head Start and Pre-K programs

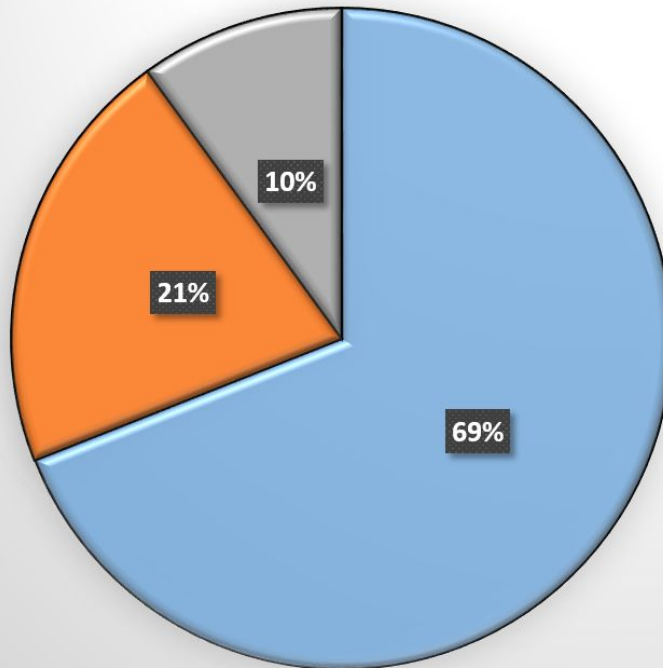
\$7 million to fund Early Care & Edu. Initiative

+ Mental health therapists
+ Linkages to Learning programs 

Funded Paint Branch HS & Springbrook HS Cluster Project 

FY20 \$5.8B Operating Budget Revenues

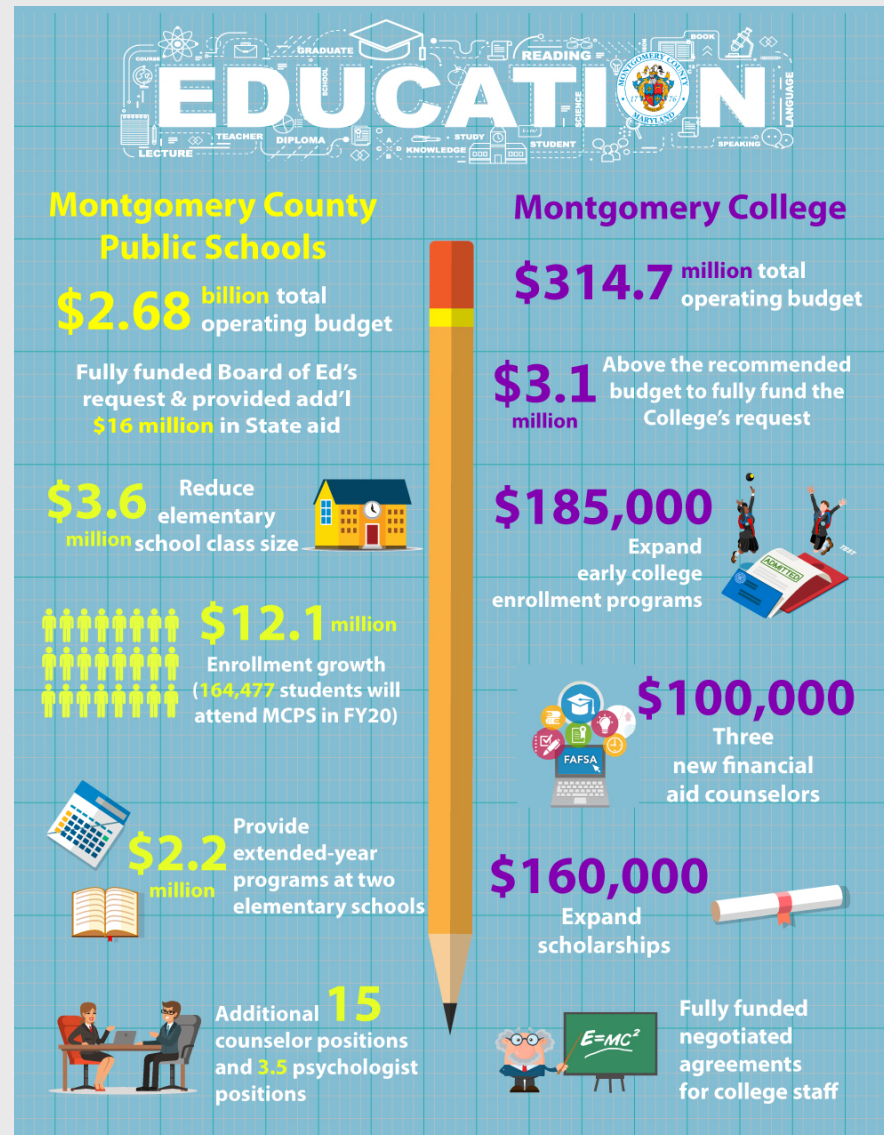
Revenue Sources



- County property, income, other taxes \$4.0B
- State, federal \$1.2B
- Service charges, fees, other \$600M

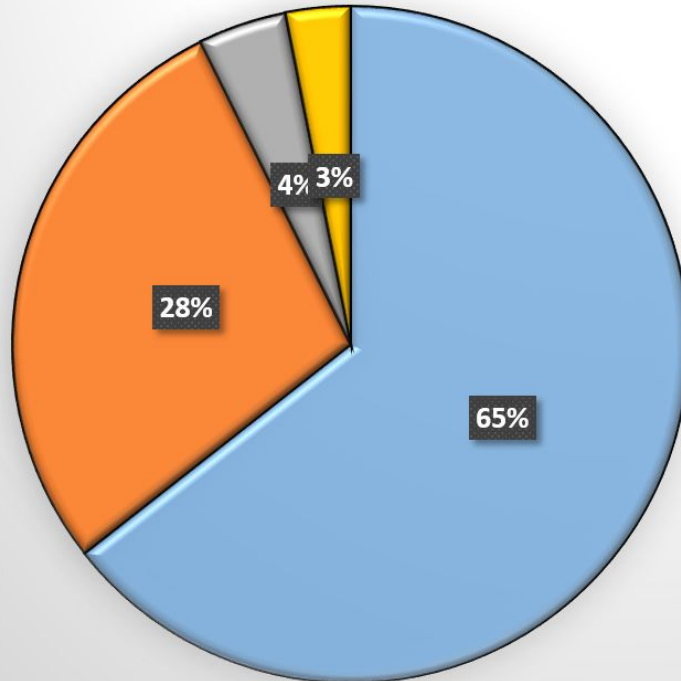
Education Budgets

- Fully funded MCPS operating budgets past 3 years.
- FY20 budget up 3.2% to \$2.68B more than BOE's \$2.66B request.
- Hired 1,000-plus new teachers, reduced elementary class sizes.
- Added more security officers; programs for at-risk students.



MCPS FY20 Operating Revenue \$2.68B

Revenue Sources



- County \$1.727B
- State \$760M
- Enterprise, Special Revenue, fund balance, other \$112M
- Federal \$82M

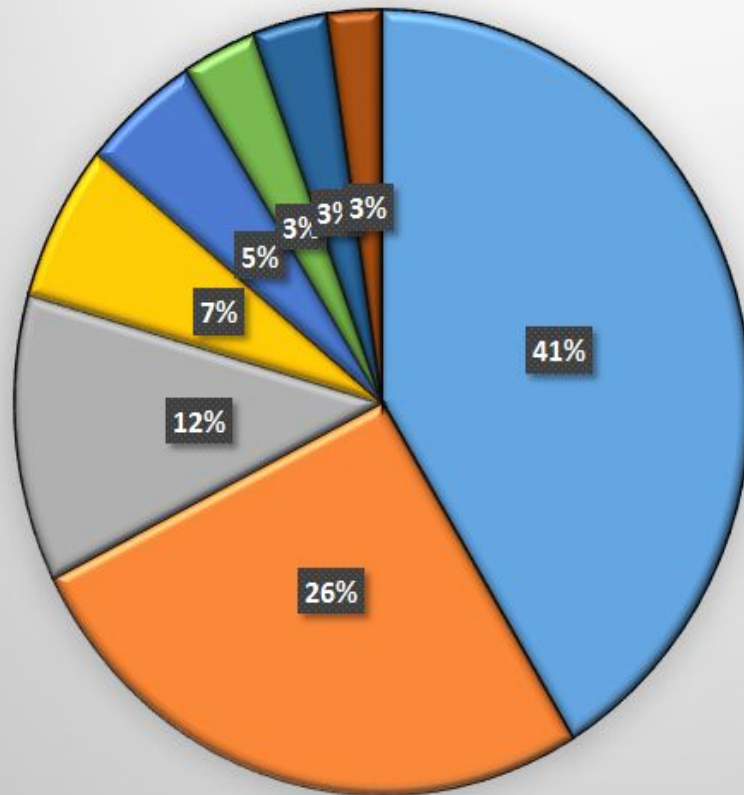
MCPS Capital Improvements Program



- 6-year CIP includes funding for additions at two Takoma Park schools:
 - Takoma Park Middle School, \$25.2M.
 - Piney Branch Elementary School, \$4.2M.

Brief Overview: 2019-24 CIP

Expenditures = \$4.4 billion



- MCPS
- Transportation
- General gov't
- Montgomery College
- M-NCPPC
- Police, fire
- Other
- Stormwater mgmt.

Major Issues: Transportation

- Transit
 - Full funding for Metro
 - Ended Silver Spring turnback in July
 - Ride On
 - Purple Line
 - Bus Rapid Transit
- Roads
 - Promote alternative plans for Beltway & I-270
 - \$10M more for resurfacing
 - Vision Zero: no fatalities by 2030
 - More bike paths under Bicycle Master Plan



What is Bus Rapid Transit?

WHAT IS BRT? LIGHT RAIL ON TIRES

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is one of the technologies that could be used to implement Rapid Transit Service in key, heavily traveled corridors. BRT is essentially light rail on rubber tires – offering almost identical services features and characteristics as light rail, but with a significantly lower cost. BRT is intended to move large numbers of people quickly and efficiently to their destinations.

FAST AND RELIABLE SERVICE

- Dedicated lanes and signal priority
- Could run as frequently as every 5 minutes
- Stops every 1/2 mile to 1 mile (*less frequently than local bus*)
- Real time travel information

CONVENIENT

- Level boarding
- Off-board fare collection
- Multiple doors for quick boarding

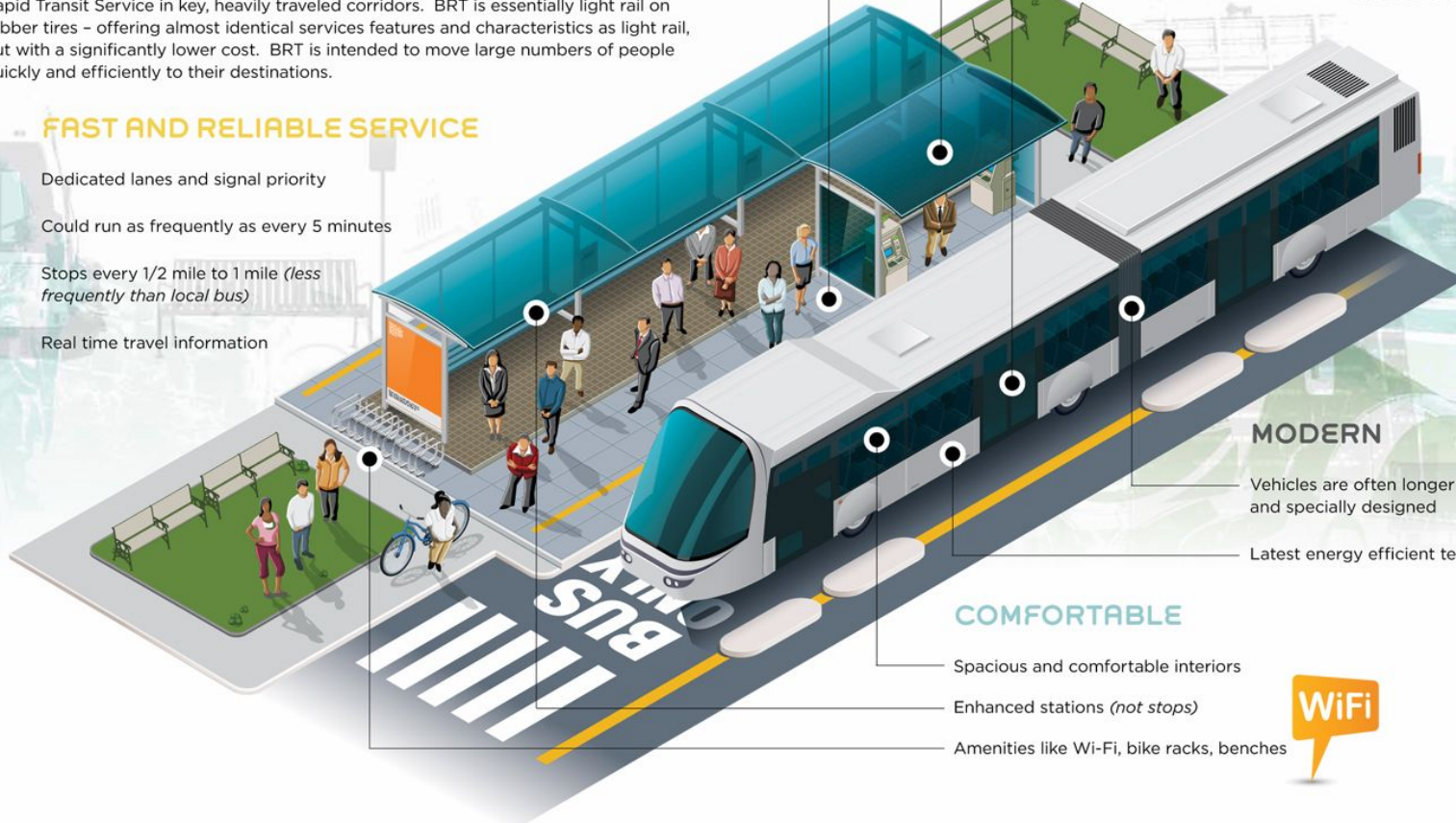


MODERN

- Vehicles are often longer articulated and specially designed
- Latest energy efficient technologies

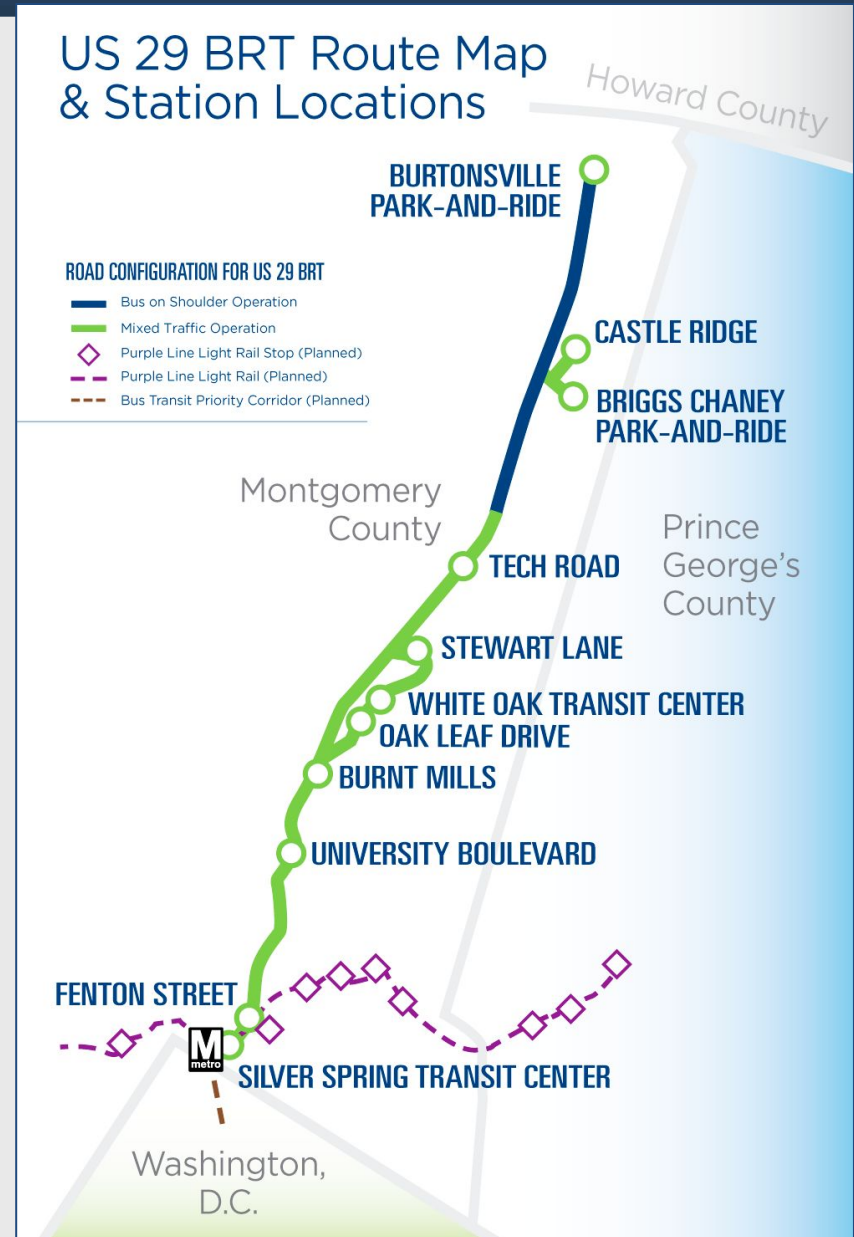
COMFORTABLE

- Spacious and comfortable interiors
- Enhanced stations (*not stops*)
- Amenities like Wi-Fi, bike racks, benches



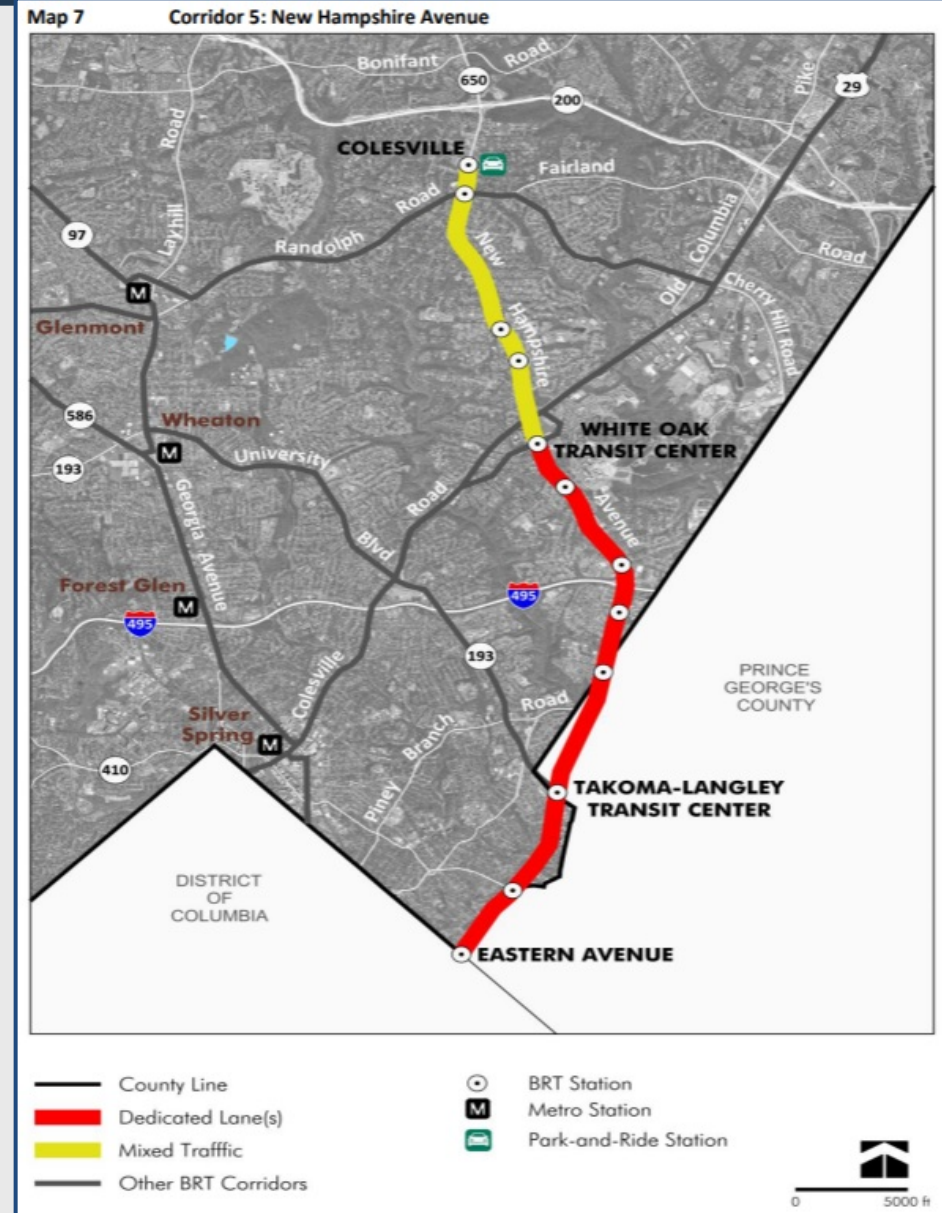
BRT on U.S. 29

- Construction underway on county's first BRT, Flash, on U.S. 29.
- Total cost: \$20M, including new buses.
- Expected to start running in May.
- Will provide faster, reliable transportation, especially for lower-income, immigrant residents who lack cars.
- Efficiently link Burtonsville to Metro, Purple Line, MARC in Silver Spring.



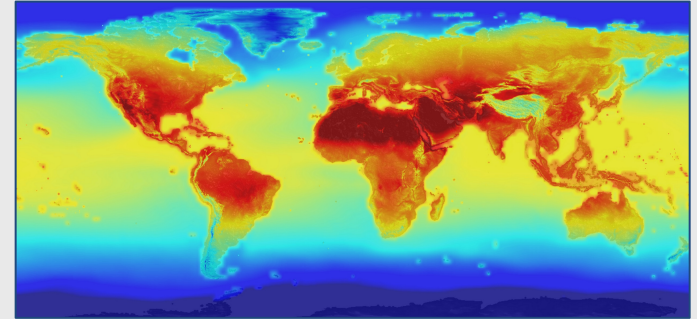
BRT on MD 650

- Tentative route: Colesville Park & Ride to D.C. line, 12 stops.
- Planning studies budgeted at \$7M in current 6-year CIP.
- Studies to start in 2022, finish in 2024.
- Then decision made on future funding and conducting preliminary engineering studies.



Major Issues: Environment and Health

- Pushed for \$400K in FY20 budget for climate emergency action plan.
- Passed ZTA for community solar.
- Passed C-PACE to help finance commercial energy-efficiencies.
- Working to lower county's carbon footprint: renewable energy, electric vehicles, efficient lighting, transit.
- Fighting to cut coal plant emissions.
- Fighting to stop pesticide use in county parks.
- Passed bill cutting lead levels in MCPS drinking water by 75%.
 - Working to cut lead levels in all county buildings.



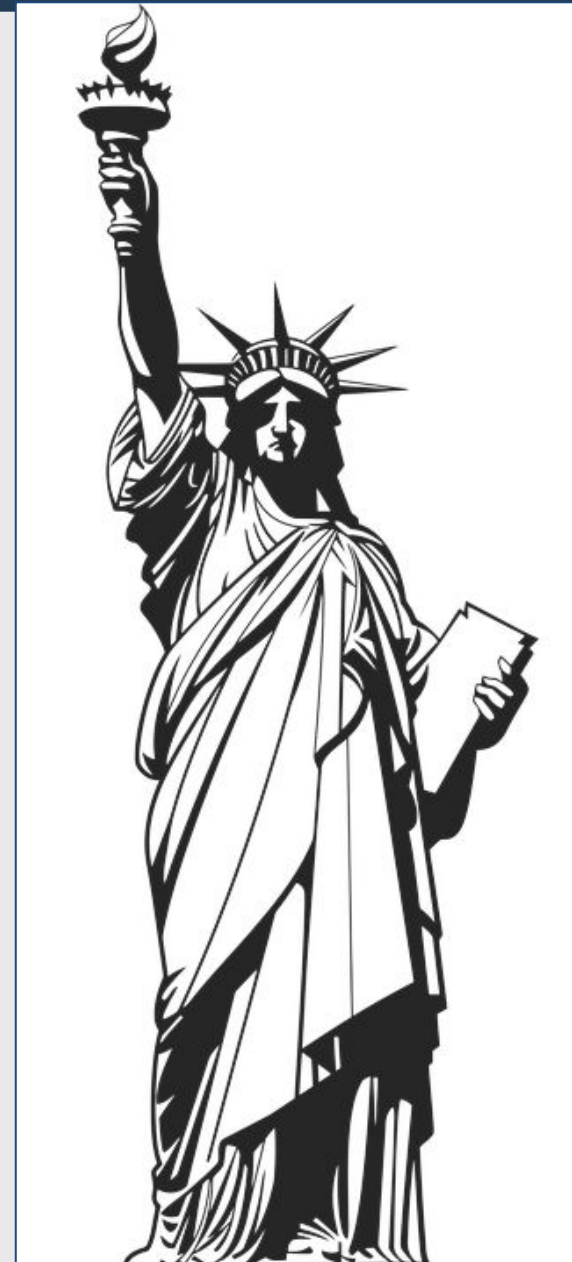
Major Issues: Renters' Rights

- Passed my lease termination law in June.
- Introduced apartment air conditioning bill; public hearing was Tuesday.
- Following Flower Branch explosion in 2016, helped pass law requiring more frequent inspections. In August, we announced results of inspection blitz:
 - 686 apartment buildings.
 - More than 22,000 units.
 - More than 31,000 violations.
 - 96% of them corrected.



Major Issues: Immigration

- Immigrants are welcome in county.
- County is home to immigrants worldwide, with many from Latin America, Africa and Asia.
- Immigrants make county stronger: socially, economically, culturally.
- Supported funding legal assistance for immigrants facing deportation if not charged with serious crime.
- Support county's policy of not doing ICE's work for it.
- Immigrants shouldn't live in constant fear of deportation.



What I Can Help With

- Advocate for constituents on issues big and small, immediate, mid-term and long-term.

Recent examples:

- Utilities (fight Washington Gas rate increase)
- Crises (Flower Branch apartment fire)
- Federal issues (Shutdown Social in January)

- Email me at Tom@TomHucker.com or call my office at 240-777-7960.

Open Government

- Open budget:
 - <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html>
- Council hearings & packets:
 - <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html>
- Montgomery County Delegation:
 - <http://montgomerycountydelegation.com/>
- Maryland General Assembly:
 - <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>