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AGENDA ITEM #1 & 2
November 12, 2020
Worksession

SUBJECT

2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy
Bill 37-20, Subdivision - Preliminary Plan - Adequate Public Facilities – Amendments
Bill 38-20, Taxation - Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements - Amendments
Expedited Bill 39-20, Taxation - Recordation Tax - Amendments

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

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COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

There have been 11 Committee worksessions and six Council worksessions. This is the last scheduled worksession on the Planning Board Draft Subdivision Staging Policy and related bills. Final action is tentatively scheduled for November 16.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The issues are described in detail in the attached the staff reports.

<u>This report contains:</u>
Staff report

AGENDA ITEM #1
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M E M O R A N D U M

November 11, 2020

TO: County Council

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SUBJECT: 2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP), Bill 37-20 – Subdivision, APF Amendments, Bill 38-20 - Development Impact Taxes for Public School Improvements, and Expedited Bill 39-20 - Recordation Tax Amendments

PURPOSE: Worksession

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Councilmembers: Please bring your copies of the SSP Draft and Appendices to this worksession.

This worksession is a continuation of the November 10 worksession. It will include a summary of the potential fiscal impact of all straw-votes and will also cover recommended changes to the recordation tax. Attached on © 1-18 is a chart showing the Council straw-vote recommendations. Attached on © 28-53 are updated drafts of Bills 37-20, 38-20, and 39-20. Final action is tentatively scheduled for November 16.

A. <u>Summary of Council straw votes and potential fiscal impact</u>

To date, the Council has conducted six worksessions on the Subdivision Staging Policy and related bills. Before that, 11 Committee worksession were held. Attached on © 1-18 is a chart showing the Planning Board, Committee, and Council straw-vote recommendations. Below are two tables showing the revenue impacts of these straw-vote decisions. It is important to note that these estimates are based on the pipeline of approved development. These estimates are not a forecast of revenue. The pipeline analysis provides a comparison of the relative impacts (magnitude and direction) of different decisions across different scenarios using one consistent dataset. The pipeline, which changes on a weekly basis, includes projects that may never be built, and has no set timeframe for development, should not be interpreted as a forecast. However, the analysis provides useful information regarding the nature of change that can be expected by the proposed recommendations.

The first table includes information on potential changes in revenue associated with changes to the school impact tax based on the Council straw votes to date. The Utilization Premium Payment (UPP) revenue included below is based on setting the UPP at 40, 80, and 120 percent of the applicable impact tax at the 105, 120, and 135 percent utilization thresholds, respectively.

SCHOOL IMPACT TAX PIPELINE REVENUE ESTIMATES		
	Current Rates and Exemptions	**Council Straw Vote Recommendations**
Standard Impact Tax Rates	$448,159,659	$273,964,399
MPDU Exemption	($57,808,228)	($34,850,988)
Desired Growth and Investment Areas	$0	$0
AR Zone	$0	$0
Active Enterprise Zone Exemption	($13,186,738)	($7,922,366)
Former Enterprise Zone Exemption	($21,834,108)	$0
Opportunity Zone Exemption	$0	($27,700,473)
25% Affordable Exemption - Additional MPDUs	($2,694,758)	($2,233,379)
25% Affordable Exemption - Market Rate Units	($16,572,920)	($10,462,752)
IMPACT TAX REVENUE	**$336,062,908**	**$190,794,441**
Utilization Premium Payments (FY21)	$0	$38,007,931
IMPACT TAX + UPP REVENUE	**$336,062,908**	**$228,802,372**
Moratorium Impact Tax Loss	($29,010,428)	$0
Moratorium UPP Loss	$0	$0
MORATORIUM ADJUSTED REVENUE	**$307,052,479**	**$228,802,372**
Annual Amount 10yr Buildout (3683 units/year)	$30,705,248	$22,880,237
Annual Large Home Premium	$1,663,385	$0
ANNUAL REVENUE	**$32,368,633**	**$22,880,237**
DIFFERENCE FROM CURRENT		**($9,488,396)**

As noted above, the potential revenue from the UPP will change annually with the adoption of the Annual School Test and corresponding changes in school adequacy. Planning staff has provided a preliminary look at the FY22 Annual School Test results[1] as a comparison to the FY21 results used in the UPP calculation above. Using the FY22 school test, the pipeline UPP revenue falls from $38,007,931 to $11,914,964. The annualized revenue falls from $22,880,237 to $20,270,941, which is a decrease of

[1] Based on the recently released FY22 Capital Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

$2,609,297. This means that the potential loss in annual revenue resulting from changes in the SSP and school impact taxes, using FY21 and FY22 school test results, is between $9.5 and $12.1 million.

The second table includes information on potential changes in revenue associated with changes to the transportation impact tax based on the Council straw votes to date.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT TAX PIPELINE REVENUE ESTIMATES		
	Current	**Council**
Standard Impact Tax Rates	$682,204,845	$681,042,928
DGIA Discount	$0	($130,836,661)
MPDU Exemption	($35,310,750)	($30,703,359)
Active Enterprise Zone Exemption	($5,960,931)	($5,510,807)
Former Enterprise Zone Exemption	($23,803,977)	$0
Opportunity Zone Exemption	$0	($86,539,214)
25% Affordable Exemption - Additional MPDUs	($1,917,879)	($1,917,879)
25% Affordable Exemption - Market Rate Units	($11,742,836)	($4,559,055)
IMPACT TAX REVENUE	**$603,468,472**	**$420,975,954**
Annualize/Correct for Credits (/60)*	**$10,057,808**	**$7,016,266**
DIFFERENCE FROM CURRENT		**($3,041,542)**
* Current annual transportation impact tax revenue after credits is about $10 million per year. To get this into comparable scale, total revenue has been divided by 60 here.		

B. Recommended Changes to the Recordation Tax

General history of recordation taxes for the CIP. Recordation taxes are levied under Md. Tax-Property Code §§12-101 to 12-118, as amended. The tax applies to the principal amount of the debt secured by a mortgage or deed of trust. When a mortgage is refinanced, the tax applies to the amount of the principal debt that is greater than the principal remaining on the original debt.

The County has levied a recordation tax for many decades, with the proceeds used to supplement the General Fund. At the beginning of this century the rate was $2.20 per $500, with the first $50,000 of a recordation exempt. In 2004, the County began to levy a $1.25 per $500 increase to the tax that could be used for any MCPS capital project or a Montgomery College information technology capital project; this has been referred to as the School Increment to the recordation tax.

In 2008, the Council began to levy a third tier—the so-called Recordation Tax Premium—at $1.55 per $500 on the amount a recordation exceeded $500,000. Half of the Premium's revenue is allocated to the County Government CIP (e.g., transportation, public safety, library, recreation, and general government projects) and the other half for rental assistance programs for low-to-moderate income households. During the recession years of FYs10-11, the Premium funds were directed to the General Fund instead.

In 2016, the Council reduced the rate associated with the General Fund allocation from $2.20 to $2.08 and increased the School Increment rate from $1.25 to $2.37. It also increased the Premium rate from $1.55 to $2.30. Revenue collected since FY13 from the School Increment and Premium is shown below:

Revenue from Recordation Taxes since FY 2013

Year	School Increment	Premium[2]
FY13	$27,640,951	$18,601,744
FY14	$24,948,565	$15,993,814
FY15	$26,147,938	$17,147,580
FY16	$28,930,069	$19,158,439
FY17	$57,826,469	$30,836,056
FY18	$55,495,916	$25,872,555
FY19	$62,274,141	$32,049,271
FY20	$65,652,722	$36,751,680

The Planning Board recommendation for changes to the recordation tax, Rec. 6.9 (pp. 101-103; App. Q, pp. 122-124), suggests increasing the tax to provide additional funding for school construction and the County's Housing Initiative Fund. The table below highlights the current recordation tax steps and rates and the respective funding targets and compares these to the Planning Board's recommended modifications.

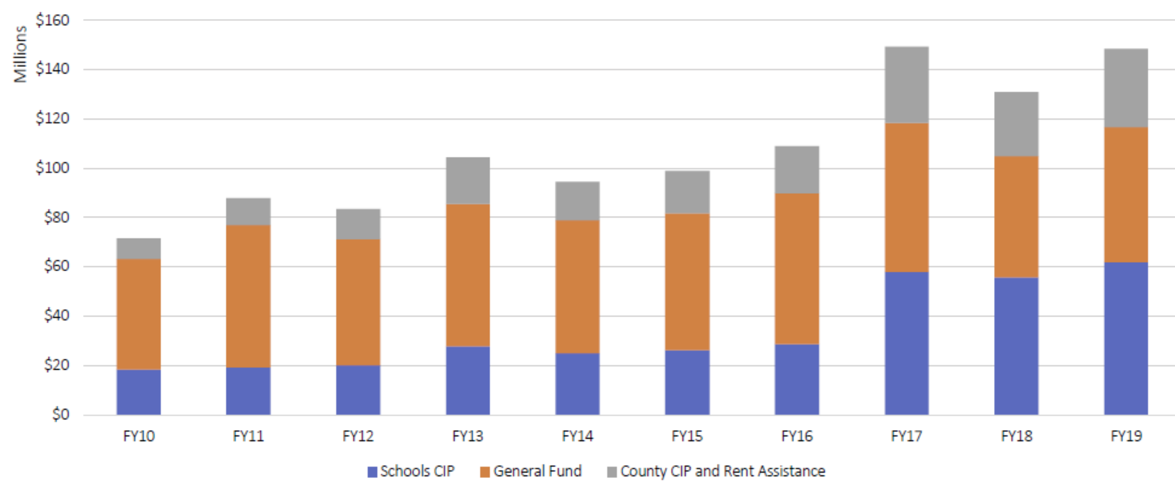
Past, Current, and Planning Board Proposed Changes to the Recordation Tax			
	Prior to September 2016	Current Recordation Tax	Planning Board Proposed
Exemptions	• First $50,000 of consideration payable, if it is the homebuyer's principal residence	• First $100,000 of consideration payable, if it is the homebuyer's principal residence	• First $100,000 of consideration payable, if it is the homebuyer's principal residence • First $500,000 of consideration payable, if the purchaser is a first-time home buyer and it is the homebuyer's principal residence
For each $500 that the sales price exceeds $100,000	• $1.25 to the CIP for Schools • $2.20 to the County's General Fund	• $2.37 to the MCPS CIP • $2.08 to the County's General Fund	• $2.87 to the MCPS CIP • $2.08 to the County's General Fund
For each $500 that the sales price exceeds $500,000	• $1.55 split evenly between the County CIP and rental assistance	• $2.30 split evenly between the County's CIP and rental assistance	• $2.30 split evenly between the County's CIP and rental assistance • $0.50 to the MCPS CIP
For each $500 that the sales price exceeds $1,000,000	• Not Applicable	• Not Applicable	• $1 to the County's Housing Initiative Fund

[2] Half is used for funding County Government CIP projects and half for funding rental assistance programs.

Currently, the recordation tax provides $2.37 to the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for every $500 interval (or part thereof) above $100,000 in the sales price of a home. The Planning Board recommends increasing that component by 50 cents to $2.87. Additionally, the Board recommends adding a new 50 cent charge earmarked for the MCPS CIP for every $500 interval above $500,000. The Board is also recommending a charge of $1.00 for every $500 interval in excess of $1 million on single-family homes to be allocated to the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF) to support rental assistance. And finally, the Planning Board is proposing an exemption from the recordation tax for the first $500,000 in consideration for first-time home buyers.

In May 2016, the County Council adopted Bill 15-16, which dedicated more recordation tax revenue to the MCPS CIP; the portion dedicated to schools was increased from $1.25 for each $500 increment in sales price to $2.37. The impact of this change can be seen in Figure 44 in the Planning Board Draft, copied below.

Figure 44. Recordation Tax Revenue, FY2010 to FY2019.



It shows recordation tax funding for the schools CIP increased from approximately $29 million in FY2016 to almost $58 million in FY2017.

Since 2017, when the recordation tax rate was raised, the recordation tax has consistently generated much more revenue for the schools CIP than development impact taxes. Below are the collections of each for the past four years.

Collections		
Year	Recordation Tax	School Impact Tax
	$ millions	
2017	$57.8	$39.3
2018	$55.5	$20.8
2019	$62.3	$27.7
2020	$65.7	$22.9
Total	**$241.3**	**$110.7**
Source: Montgomery County Department of Finance		

In fact, the relative school impact tax collections from 2017-2020 was about 31 percent of the combined impact tax and recordation tax collections from this period (thus making recordation tax collections approximately 69 percent of the total). This is generally equivalent to the proportion of student enrollment growth from new development compared to student enrollment growth from the turnover of existing homes, suggesting, perhaps, that the relative revenue from these funding sources lines up fairly well with their relative impact on school facilities. In fact, the Approved FY21-26 CIP assumes that $447.2 million of resources for the MCPS CIP will be derived from the recordation tax, while only $121.3 million will come from the impact tax, thus making the recordation tax collections about 79% of the total of the two, and the school impact tax 21%.

The following tables are from the Fiscal Impact Analysis prepared by OMB and Finance (see © 23-27).

Recordation Tax	Funding Allocation	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Changes		
		FY19 Tax Collection	Additional Revenue for School CIP	Additional Revenue for MHI	Increases Related to Rate Increase
BASE - for each $500 that the sales price <$500K	General Fund	$ 54,465,614			$ -
	MCPS Capital Improvement	$ 62,038,090	$ 13,088,205		$ 13,088,205
PREMIUM -for each $500 that the sales price >$500K	MCPS Capital Improvement	$ 15,904,800	$ 6,915,087		$ 6,915,087
	Rent Assistance	$ 15,904,599			
MHI - for $500 that the sales price >$1M	Montgomery Housing Initiative (MHI)	$ -		$ 2,027,000	$ 2,027,000
	Total	**$ 148,313,103**	**$ 20,003,291**	**$ 2,027,000.00**	**$ 22,030,292**

The above table shows that the two 50 cent increases (one for sales prices less than $500,000 and one for sales prices greater than $500,000) for the MCPS CIP result in approximately $20 million in additional revenue based on FY19 collections. It shows the $1 increase for sales prices over $1 million results in just over $2 million in funding for the HIF.

Adding the first-time homebuyer exemption reduces the potential gains from the increases noted above. It should be noted that OMB's estimation of first-time home buyers is based on a study by The Housing Center of the American Institute that reported a 44.9 percent share of first-time homebuyers for Montgomery County in 2019. The Housing Center's report uses the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of a first-time homebuyer, "an individual who has not had an ownership interest in a principal residence (anywhere) for the previous three (3) years" as the basis for its estimation. However, Maryland Tax-Property Code Ann. §12-103 authorizes the County to exempt a first-time homebuyer from paying the recordation tax as follows:

> ***(3)*** *The governing body of a county or Baltimore City may provide for an exemption from the recordation tax for an instrument of writing for residentially improved owner-occupied real property if the instrument of writing is accompanied by a statement under oath signed by each grantee that:*

(i)

1. the grantee is an individual who has never owned in the State residential real property that has been the individual's principal residence; and
2. the residence will be occupied by the grantee as the grantee's principal residence; or

(ii)

1. the grantee is a co-maker or guarantor of a purchase money mortgage or purchase money deed of trust as defined in § 12-108(i) of this title for the property; and
2. the grantee will not occupy the residence as the co-maker's or guarantor's principal residence.

Thus, the HUD definition used in OMB's analysis may lead to a much larger first-time homebuyer group than the Maryland definition above limiting a first-time home buyer to someone who has never owned a principal residence in Maryland, but it is difficult to know. At the least, OMB's estimate of the revenue lost due to the proposed first-time homebuyer credit should be viewed with caution as the County is required to follow the State definition of a first-time homebuyer for this exemption. That said, below is a table that shows the estimated loss in revenue from the first-time homebuyer exemption.

2019 Home Sales	# of Sales	Average Sold Price (Est.)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Changes			% Change
			Amount	Estimated Amount	Est. Exemption (1st $500K for 1st Homebuyer)	Total Amount	
>$100,000 to <$499,999	7,290	$ 330,062	$ 14,926,635	$ 16,603,785	$ (13,005,007)	$ 3,598,778	-76%
>$500K to <$999,999	4,247	$ 689,958	$ 26,010,445	$ 29,322,745	$ -	$ 29,322,745	13%
>$1M	1,180	$ 1,858,898	$ 25,848,050	$ 31,554,050	$ -	$ 31,554,050	22%
Total Residential	**12,717**	**$ 554,555**	**$ 66,785,130**	**$ 77,480,580**	**$ (13,005,007)**	**$ 64,475,573**	**-3%**

Of course, a decrease in revenue due to an exemption is expected; however, one consequence of the first-time homebuyer's exemption (regardless of magnitude) is a decrease to the General Fund. The table below shows the impact of the first-time homebuyer exemption by fund.

Recordation Tax Proposed Bill 39-20 - Annual Estimated Revenue changes by Fund Type		Forecast-"Proposed Rates" FY21-FY26
MCPS Capital Improvement increase	$ 12,463,015	$ 74,778,088
Montgomery Housing Initiative increase	$ 2,027,000	$ 12,162,000
General Fund Operating decrease	$ (5,464,730)	$ (32,788,381)
Grand Total Revenue increase	**$ 9,025,285**	**$ 54,151,707**

Several stakeholders weighed in regarding the proposed changes to the recordation tax. The Executive expressed concern with the motivation for raising the tax and the impact on the General Fund as a result of the first-time homebuyers exemption. Others whose testimony expresses concern or opposition to the proposed changes include the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors, and Lerch, Early and Brewer. However, several others, such as the League of Women Voters and several area residents, expressed support for the proposed changes, both the increase that could provide more funding for MCPS and the exemption for first-time homebuyers. The City of Gaithersburg requests that the County enter into a MOU with the City that would allow a portion of the Recordation Tax to be allocated to the City's Housing Initiative Fund.

Given the challenge in estimating the fiscal impact of the first-time home buyer exemption, the fact that any first-time homebuyer exemption will decrease funding for both the General Fund and MCPS, and the potential benefit of further analysis, Council staff recommends holding off on the first-time home buyer exemption at this time. Attached on ©54 are several scenarios showing possible changes to the Planning Board recommendations and the resulting MCPS CIP and HIF estimates, excluding the first-time homebuyer exemption. If ultimately the Council decides to grant a first-time home buyer exemption, Council staff recommends that it not apply to the portion of the tax allocated to the General Fund[3]. These funds are needed to sustain the programs funded in the Operating Budget.

Furthermore, Council staff does not recommend sharing a portion of Recordation Tax revenue with the City of Gaithersburg. This is a County-imposed tax, and the County's HIF can and has been used within the City for low- and moderate-income rental assistance.

C. ***Recent correspondence regarding transition date for the SSP***

The Council and Council staff received a letter from Washington Properties on November 11 requesting a delay in the effective date of the SSP citing concern with increased costs. Under the Council straw vote recommendations, there is no increase in the transportation impact tax or the school impact tax for this project, located in downtown Bethesda. There would be an 80 percent Utilization Premium Payment at the elementary level required should the project seek approval prior to the next Annual School Test. However, due to the decrease in the applicable school impact tax rate, the sum of the potential UPP and the updated tax remains *below* the current school impact tax rate. It is likely the elements of the SSP that would impact the proposed project after January 1 are the changes to the Local Area Transportation Review test. Under the new rules this project would no longer be required to submit a traffic study, but would be required to meet new standards related to pedestrian and bicycle adequacy.

[3] Resulting in an exemption from those portions of the recordation tax collected for the MCPS CIP and rental assistance funding, but not the portion attributable to the General Fund.

SSP Rec #	Current SSP	Planning Board Recommendation	Committee Recommendations	Council Straw Votes
3.1	Name: Subdivision Staging Policy	Recommendation 3.1: Change the name of the Subdivision Staging Policy to the County Growth Policy.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of changing the name to *Growth and Infrastructure Policy*.	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.
4.1	Student Generation Rates are calculated for three regions in the County based on school cluster as determined by MCPS.	Recommendation 4.1: Classify county neighborhoods into School Impact Areas based on their recent and anticipated growth contexts. Update the classifications with each quadrennial update to the County Growth Policy.	Joint Committee: (4-1) in favor of Planning Board recommended School Impact Areas, with the exception of adding White Oak RDA as a separate Planning Areas changing its categorization from Turnover to Infill. CM Jawando supports reevaluation of criteria specifying two School Impact Areas (Turnover and Infill), not three.	(5-4) in favor of 2 School Impact Areas.
4.2	Metro Station and Purple Line Station areas are categorized by the school cluster and MCPS region (noted above) in which they're located.	Recommendation 4.2: Classify all Red Policy Areas (Metro Station Policy Areas and Purple Line Station Policy Areas) as Infill Impact Policy Areas.	Joint Committee: (5-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation.	(9-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation.
4.3	N/A	Recommendation 4.3: By January 1, 2021, the Planning Board must adopt a set of Annual School Test Guidelines which outline the methodologies used to conduct the Annual School Test and to evaluate the enrollment impacts of development applications and master plans.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation.	(9-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation.

4.4	Cluster level adequacy test and an individual adequacy test for each middle and elementary school.	Recommendation 4.4: The Annual School Test will be conducted at the individual school level only, for each and every elementary, middle, and high school, for the purposes of determining school utilization adequacy.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation for an individual school test.	(9-0) in favor Planning Board recommendation.
4.5	Annual School Test evaluates projected school utilization five years in the future. (Moratorium threshold covered under Recommendati on 4.9).	Recommendation 4.5: The Annual School Test will evaluate projected school utilization three years in the future using the certain school utilization adequacy standards. (Moratorium threshold covered under Recommendation 4.9, UPP covered under Recommendation 4.16)	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of motion by CM Riemer to use a 4-year projection horizon. (Moratorium threshold covered under Recommendation 4.9, UPP covered under Recommendation 4.16)	(9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation.
4.6	For each application yielding net new residential dwellings, the number of students generated by the application, by school level, is compared to the available capacity under the most recent school test.	Recommendation 4.6: The Annual School Test will establish each school service area's adequacy status for the entirety of the applicable fiscal year.	PHED Committee: (2-1) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation. CM Jawando dissenting in favor of the current review process.	(9-0) in favor of the modified Planning Board recommendation, incorporating staging ceilings that apply per application.
4.7	Annual School Test provides cluster and school level utilization analyses.	Recommendation 4.7: The Annual School Test will include a Utilization Report that will provide a *countywide* analysis of utilization at each school level.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation.	(9-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation.

4.8	N/A	Recommendation 4.8: The Utilization Report will also provide additional utilization and facility condition information for each school, as available.	PHED Committee: GO Committee (3-0) against Planning Board recommendation to allow credits for non-capacity improvements. In light of this, requiring school conditions in a report on utilization seems unnecessary. Planning Board has authority to place information in the Annual School Test Guidelines, as they see fit.	(9-0) against Planning Board recommendation.
4.9	Moratoria apply to any High School cluster, individual middle, or elementary school based on the following criteria. Moratorium if: any cluster above 120% utilization, or any middle school above 120% with a seat deficit ≥ 180 student seats, or any elementary school above 120% with a seat deficit ≥ 110 student seats.	Recommendation 4.9: Moratoria will only apply in Greenfield Impact Areas. The Planning Board cannot approve any preliminary plan of subdivision for residential uses in an area under a moratorium unless it meets certain exceptions. Moratoria if: In the Greenfield Impact Area, projected utilization is greater than 125% at any school, and for any middle school the seat deficit ≥188 seats, or for any elementary school the seat deficit ≥ 115 seats.	PHED Committee: (2-1) in favor of eliminating moratoria Countywide. CM Jawando dissenting, recommending Countywide moratorium at 135% utilization.	(9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation to eliminate moratorium countywide.
4.10	Allow approval in areas under moratorium if application is for no more than 3 residential dwellings or units restricted to senior living.	Recommendation 4.10: Exceptions to residential development moratoria will include projects estimated to net fewer than one full student at any school in moratorium, and projects where the residential component consists entire of senior living units.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation.	N/A

4.11	N/A	Recommendation 4.11: Establish a new exception that allows the Planning Board to approve residential development in an area under a moratorium if a school (at the same level as any school causing the moratorium) is located within 3, 5, or 10 network miles (ES, MS, or HS, respectively) of the proposed subdivision and has a projected utilization less than or equal to 105 percent.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of sufficient adjacent capacity concept. Limit combined utilization to no greater than 100%. Physical extent of adjacency requirement TBD. MCPS to provide language reflecting their geographic area of consideration for capital planning.	N/A
4.12	Allow approval for projects providing a minimum of 50% affordable housing and generating less than 10 students. Also allow approval for projects replacing condemned buildings.	Recommendation 4.12: Eliminate the moratorium exception adopted in 2019 pertaining to projects providing high quantities of deeply affordable housing or projects removing condemned buildings.	PHED Committee: (3-0) against Planning Board recommendation. Retain exemptions if moratorium remains.	N/A
4.13	For all unit types, Student Generation Rates are calculated using all residential structures regardless of year built.	Recommendation 4.13: Calculate countywide and School Impact Area student generation rates by analyzing all single-family units and multifamily units built since 1990, without distinguishing multifamily buildings by height.	Joint Committee: (5-0) against Planning Board recommendation to combine multifamily into one unit type (5-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation to use multifamily data from 1990 on	(9-0) against Planning Board recommendation to combine multifamily into one unit type (9-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation to use multifamily data from 1990 to present.

4.14	Extension request does not require retesting.	Recommendation 4.14 Amend Chapter 50, Article II, Section 4.3.J.7. of the County Code to require a development application to be retested for school infrastructure adequacy when an applicant requests an extension of their Adequate Public Facilities validity period.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation, however, the Committee recommends limiting the retest to projects with certain characteristics. In response, Planning recommends projects generating more than 10 students.	(9-0) in favor of the Committee recommendation.
4.15	Under the Subdivision Regulations (Ch. 50 of the County Code), MCPS is required to submit a recommendation regarding Montgomery County Public Schools, for application involving school site planning.	Recommendation 4.15: Require MCPS to designate a representative to the Development Review Committee to better tie the development review process with school facility planning. Ensure this representative has appropriate authority to represent MCPS' official positions.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation.	(9-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation.

4.16	N/A	Recommendation 4.16: Require applicants to pay a Utilization Premium Payment when a school's projected utilization three years in the future exceeds 120 percent.	PHED Committee: Under Rec. 4.5 Committee (3-0) in favor of motion by CM Riemer to use a 4-year projection horizon. PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of including a second measure of adequacy equal to seat deficit (based on program capacity) starting at 105 percent. PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of CM Jawando recommendation to start at 105 percent overutilization At 105 percent: (2-1) in favor of the UPP set at 20 percent of the proportional impact tax for the overutilized school level. CM Jawando would set at 50 percent. Council Staff recommended 30 percent. (3-0) in favor of a second tier UPP charge at 120 percent threshold. At 120 percent: (2-1) in favor of the UPP set at 40 percent of the proportional impact tax for the overutilized school level. CM Jawando would set at 100 percent. Council	(9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation on 4-year projections. (9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation to add seat deficit adequacy measure. (9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation set first adequacy threshold at 105%. (9-0) in favor of setting the percentage at 40 percent (9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation set second adequacy threshold at 120%. (9-0) in favor of setting the percentage at 80 percent

			Staff recommended 60 percent. (3-0) in favor of a third tier 135 percent threshold.	 (9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation set third level adequacy threshold at 135%.
			At 135 percent: (2-1) in favor of a third tier charge set at 60 percent of the proportional impact tax for the overutilized school level. CM Jawando and Council Staff recommend moratorium.	(9-0) in favor of setting the percentage at 120 percent
			(3-0) in favor of specifying that revenue from the UPP can be spent on any project at the same school level that adds capacity that alleviates overutilization in the school service area from which the funds are collected.	(9-0) in favor of Committee recommendation.
			Exemptions need to be clarified. Planning Board exempted MPDUs. Council Staff agrees. Planning Board would not exempt Enterprise zone nor Opportunity zone market rate units. It would also not exempt market rate units receiving an impact tax discount.	(9-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation

SSP Rec. #	Current SSP	Planning Board Recommendation	Committee Recommendations	Council Straw Votes
5.1	N/A	Recommendation 5.1: Design roads immediately adjacent to new development to account for all identified recommendations from applicable planning documents including Functional Plans, Master Plans and Area Plans.	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of Planning Board's recommendation, except to require developers to report information to update all transportation databases.	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.
5.2	N/A	Recommendation 5.2: Prioritize motor vehicle mitigation strategies designed to improve travel safety.	PHED Committee: (3-0) In Orange, Yellow, and Green Policy Areas, the priority order for motor vehicle test mitigation is: (1) transportation demand management; (2) operational improvements; and (3) roadway improvements that do not decrease safety.	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.
5.3	Under the Subdivision Regulations (Ch. 50 of the County Code), DOT is required to review sufficiency of all travel modes.	Recommendation 5.3: Given the additional focus on Vision Zero principles in the development review process, designate a Vision Zero representative to the Development Review Committee to review the development application and Vision Zero elements of LATR transportation impact studies and to make recommendations regarding how to incorporate the conclusions and safety recommendations of LATR transportation impact studies.	PHED Committee: (2-0) recommend amending the Subdivision Ordinance to achieve this, which is where DRC representation and roles are stipulated in the County Code. (CM Jawando was not present for this item due to a prior commitment.)	(9-0)in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.

5.4	N/A	Recommendation 5.4: Introduce a Vision Zero Impact Statement for all LATR studies pertaining to subdivisions that will generate 50 or more peak-hour person trips.	PHED Committee: (2-0) in favor of the Planning Board's recommendation, with revised language. (CM Jawando was not present for this item due to a prior commitment.)	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.
5.5	Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) tests exist for Motor Vehicle, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit (see staff report for details).	Recommendation 5.5**:** For LATR studies of new development generating 50 or more peak-hour weekday person trips, couple current multi-modal transportation adequacy tests with options that can be implemented over time utilizing Vision Zero-related tools and resources currently available and under development. When the appropriate set of tools (described in the Vision Zero Resources section above) are operational, the current multi-modal transportation adequacy tests should be updated as described below.	PHED Committee: (3-0) recommend major revisions to the Final Draft's proposed LATR Motor Vehicle, Bicycle, and Bus Transit System Adequacy Tests (see staff report). The Committee will review a proposed, broadened Pedestrian Test on October 22. It recommends taking up a proposed new Safety Test next summer/fall in an SSP amendment.	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendations.
5.6	The Motor Vehicle System Adequacy Test standard is 120 seconds/vehicle of delay in peak periods in Metro Station (Red) Policy Areas.	Recommendation 5.6: Eliminate the LATR study requirement for motor vehicle adequacy in Red Policy Areas (Metrorail Station Policy Areas and Purple Line Station Areas).	PHED Committee: (2-1) in favor of the Planning Board's recommendation. CM Jawando dissenting, concurring with Council staff to retain the current 120 seconds/vehicle delay standard in Red Policy Areas.	(7-2) in favor of the Planning Board's recommendation. CMs Albornoz and Jawando dissenting, concurring with Council staff to retain the current 120 seconds/vehicle delay standard in Red Policy Areas.

5.7	Critical Lane Volume (CLV) must be worse than 1,350 for the more robust Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) methodology to be used to analyze traffic congestion.	Recommendation 5.7: Expand the application of the Critical Lane Volume (CLV) analysis methodology as a screening tool to determine the necessity for the application of the more robust Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) analysis methodology for the motor vehicle transportation adequacy analysis.	PHED Committee: (3-0) oppose the Planning Board's recommendation.	(9-0) concur with the PHED Committee to oppose the Planning Board's recommendation.
5.8	Current intersection congestion standards are not loosened because of an eventual Bus Rapid Transit line.	Recommendation 5.8: Increase the intersection delay standards to 1,700 CLV and 100 seconds/vehicle for transit corridor roadways in Orange and Yellow policy areas to promote multi-modal access to planned Bus Rapid Transit service in transit corridors.	PHED Committee: (3-0) oppose the Planning Board's recommendation.	(9-0) concur with the PHED Committee to oppose the Planning Board's recommendation.
N/A	N/A	N/A	PHED Committee: (3-0) in favor of CM Riemer's proposal to exempt bioscience facilities from all Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) tests, sunsetting it after 4 years.	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.

5.9	Three existing policy areas around planned Purple Line stations (Chevy Chase Lake, Long Branch, and Woodside) are in the Orange category.	Recommendation 5.9: Place all Purple Line Station policy areas (existing and proposed) in the Red policy area category.	Joint Committee: (3-2) in favor of placing these areas in the Red Policy Area category. CMs Jawando and Katz dissenting, in favor of placing these areas in a new Purple Policy Area category, with impact tax rates and an intersection congestion standard midway between the Red and Orange Policy Area category rates and standards.	(6-3) in favor of the Joint Committee recommendation. CMs Glass, Jawando, and Katz dissenting, in favor of placing these areas in a new Purple Policy Area category, with impact tax rates and an intersection congestion standard midway between the Red and Orange Policy Area category rates and standards.
5.10	Not mentioned in the SSP, but the Mobility Assessment Report/Travel Monitoring Report has been produced every few years for about 15 years.	Recommendation 5.10: Continue producing the Travel Monitoring Report (formerly the Mobility Assessment Report) on a biennial schedule as a key travel monitoring element of the County Growth Policy.	PHED Committee: (2-0) in favor of the Planning Board's recommendation. (CM Jawando was not present for this item due to a prior commitment.)	(9-0) in favor of the PHED Committee recommendation.
5.11	N/A	Recommendation 5.11: The proposed auto and transit accessibility metric is the average number of jobs that can be reached within a 45-minute travel time by automobile or walk access transit.	Recommendations 5.11-15 are about measuring master plan adequacy, and so are not in the draft SSP resolution. The PHED Committee will take up these recommendations in the late fall/winter.	This matter will be taken up by the PHED Committee on December 9.
5.12	N/A	Recommendation 5.12: The proposed metric for auto and transit travel times is average time per trip, considering all trip purposes.	(See above.)	(See above.)

5.13	N/A	Recommendation 5.13: The proposed metric for vehicle miles traveled per capita is daily miles traveled per "service population," where "service population" is the sum of population and total employment for a particular TAZ.	(See above.)	(See above.)
5.14	N/A	Recommendation 5.14: The proposed metric for non-auto driver mode share is the percentage of non-auto driver trips (i.e., HOV, transit and nonmotorized trips) for trips of all purposes.	(See above.)	(See above.)
5.15	N/A	Recommendation 5.15: The proposed metric for bicycle accessibility is the Countywide Connectivity metric documented in the 2018 Montgomery County Bicycle Master Plan (page 200).	(See above.)	(See above.)
5.16	Forest Glen is in the Kensington-Wheaton Policy Area, and Montgomery Hills is in the Silver Spring-Takoma Park Policy Area. Both are in the Orange Policy Area category.	Recommendation 5.16: Create and define boundary of a Forest Glen Metro Station Policy Area.	Joint Committee: (5-0) create a Forest Glen Policy Area in the Red Policy Area category. Joint Committee: (3-2) in favor of the Planning Board's recommended boundary, CMs Jawando and Katz dissenting.	(9-0) in favor of creating a Forest Glen Policy Area in the Red Policy Area category. (8-1) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation, CM Jawando dissenting.

N/A	Half-mile walksheds around the Medical Center and Takoma Metro Stations are in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Silver Spring-Takoma Policy Areas, respectively; both are Orange Policy Areas.	Council staff Recommendation: Create and define boundaries of Medical Center and Takoma Metro Station Policy Areas.	Joint Committee: (5-0) in favor of Council staff's recommendations.	(9-0) in favor of the Joint Committee recommendations.
5.17	The Academy of the Holy Cross and St. Angela Hall properties are in the North Bethesda Policy Area, in the Orange category. Both properties are within the half-mile walkshed of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station.	Recommendation 5.17: Expand the boundary of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station Policy Area.	Joint Committee: (5-0) in favor of the Planning Board's recommendation to move these properties from the North Bethesda Policy Area to the Grosvenor-Strathmore Policy Area.	(9-0) in favor of the Planning Board and Joint Committee recommendation.
5.18-5.19	Policy Areas exist around the planned Chevy Chase Lake, Long Branch, and Takoma/Langley Purple Line Stations. All are in the Orange Policy Area category.	Recommendations 5.18-19: Create and set the boundaries for Purple Line Policy Stations at Lyttonsville/Woodside and Dale Drive/Manchester Place.	Joint Committee: (5-0) revise the boundary of the Chevy Chase Lake Policy Area, create Lyttonsville and Woodside Policy Areas, and create a Purple Line East Policy Area that encompasses the existing Takoma/Langley and Long Branch Policy Areas and the proposed Dale Drive/Manchester Place Policy Area. The boundaries of these areas roughly correspond to the half-mile walksheds around planned Purple Line Stations.	(9-0) in favor of the Joint Committee recommendation.

SSP Rec #	Current SSP	Planning Board Recommendation	Committee Recommendations	Council Straw Votes
6.1	For all unit types, Student Generation Rates are calculated using all residential structures regardless of year built.	Recommendation 6.1: Change the calculation of school impact taxes to include one tax rate for all multifamily units, in both low-rise and high-rise buildings, based on the student generation rate for multifamily units built since 1990.	Joint Committee: (5-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation to use multifamily data since 1990 for calculation of student generation rates. (5-0) against Planning Board recommendation to combine low-rise and high-rise units into one category.	(9-0) against Planning Board recommendation to combine multifamily into one unit type. (9-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation to use multifamily data from 1990 on.
6.2	School impact taxes are set at 120% of the cost of student seat using countywide Student Generation Rates. No discount based on geographic location.	Recommendation 6.2: Calculate standard school impact taxes at 100% of the cost of a student seat using School Impact Area student generation rates. Apply discount factors to single-family attached and multifamily units to incentivize growth in certain desired growth and investment areas and maintain the current 120% factor within the Agricultural Reserve Zone.	(a) Joint Committee: (4-1) in favor of regional student generation rates based Planning Board recommended School Impact Areas. CM Jawando dissenting, in favor of two School Impact Areas following re-evaluation using additional criteria. (b) GO Committee: (3-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation to set tax at 100% cost of a student seat. (c) GO Committee: (3-0) against Planning Board recommendation to discount impact taxes in desired growth areas. (d) GO Committee: (3-0) against Planning Board recommendation to retain higher cost calculation (120%) for AR zone.	(8-1) in favor of Committee recommendation, CM Jawando dissenting in favor of 2 School Impact Areas. (9-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation. (9-0) against Planning Board recommendation to discount desired growth areas (CM Riemer in favor of general idea to support more development in these areas). (9-0) against Planning Board recommendation to retain higher per student seat cost in AR zone.

N/A	N/A	N/A	Proposal by CM Friedson to apply the Planning Board recommended discount for Desired Growth Areas (DGAs) to the transportation impact tax instead of the school impact tax, exempting DGAs in Rockville and Red Policy Areas. The discount would be 40% for DGAs in Orange Policy Areas and 32% for DGAs in Yellow Policy Areas.	(6-3) in favor of Councilmember Friedson's proposal, CMs Jawando, Hucker and Glass dissenting.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Proposal by CMs Riemer and Friedson to create a transportation impact tax category for Agritourism storage and processing facilities, and assigning them a $0/sf rate.	(9-0) in favor of CMs Riemer's and Friedson's proposal.
6.3	Credits are allowed for improvements that add capacity or for the dedication of land under certain circumstances.[1]	Recommendation 6.3: Allow a school impact tax credit for any school facility improvement constructed or funded by a property owner with MCPS's agreement.	GO Committee: (3-0) against Planning Board recommendation to allow impact tax credit for providing non-capacity adding improvements	(9-0) against Planning Board recommendation to allow credit for non-capacity adding improvements.
6.4	Single-family units are charged an additional $2.00 for each square foot of gross floor area that exceeds 3,500 square feet, to a maximum of 8,500 square feet.	Recommendation 6.4: Eliminate the current school impact tax surcharge on residential units larger than 3,500 square feet.	GO Committee: (3-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation.	(8-1) in favor of Committee recommendation, CM Glass dissenting in favor of retaining the surcharge.

[1] Where the density calculated for the dedication area is excluded from the density calculation for the development site, and the Montgomery County School Board agrees to the site dedication.

6.5	Residential development in an Enterprise zones or former Enterprise zones re exempt from payment if the school impact tax.	Recommendation 6.5: Eliminate the current impact tax exemptions for development in former Enterprise Zones.	GO Committee: (2-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation. (CM Katz recused himself from vote)	(8-0) in favor of Planning Board recommendation, CM Katz recused himself from the vote.
6.6	N/A	Recommendation 6.6: Any development located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone certified by the United States Treasury Department is exempt from development impact taxes.	GO Committee: (2-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation. (CM Katz recused himself from vote)	(7-1) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation with the modification to remove the Opportunity zone in the City of Rockville, CM Jawando dissenting, CM Katz recused himself from the vote.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Proposal by CM Jawando to allow a per unit 40 percent impact tax credit for construction of 2-bedroom units and a 60 percent credit for 3-bedroom units in Infill School Impact Areas to encourage family accessible multifamily housing near transit. GO Committee discussed but did not reach a recommendation. Requested relative construction cost information from Planning.	(7-2) in favor of CM Jawando's proposal as amended by CM Rice to limit credit to 3-bedroom units only, CM Katz and CM Friedson dissenting in favor of additional information on other possible incentives for construction of three bedroom units.

6.7	All residential units in a project providing a minimum of 25% of the units as affordable to households earning below 60% of AMI are exempt from the school impact tax.	Recommendation 6.7: Modify the current impact tax exemptions applied to all housing units when a project includes 25% affordable units to: require the affordable units be placed in the county's or a municipality's MPDU program, and limit the exemption amount to the lowest standard impact tax in the county for the applicable dwelling type.	GO Committee: (3-0) in favor of both parts of the Planning Board recommendation.	(9-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation regarding MPDU requirement. (9-0) in favor of the Planning Board recommendation modified to discount equal to the applicable structure type rate in the Infill School Impact Area and Red Policy Area.
6.8	Impact taxes are levied on net new units. Units that replace demolished units are exempt from the school impact tax if the reconstruction occurs within 1 year.	Recommendation 6.8: Continue to apply impact taxes on a net impact basis, providing a credit for any residential units demolished.	GO Committee: (3-0) in favor of retaining application of impact taxes on a net new basis. CM Riemer proposed changing time limit from one year to 4 years, and changing trigger from construction to application for a building permit. CM Friedson requested addition of a waiver for applicants whose delay is the through no action of their own.	(9-0) in favor of the Committee recommendation.
N/A	Transportation impact taxes can be used—and credit can be granted—for adding roadway capacity.	DOT recommendation: Define clearly that adding roadway capacity means adding through travel lanes or turning lanes at intersections.	GO Committee: (3-0) in favor of DOT's recommendation.	(9-0) in favor of DOT's recommendation.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Rockville's proposal to combine the King Buick parcel in Shady Grove Policy Area with an adjacent parcel in the Rockville City Policy area, and to treat the combined parcels as Red Policy Area for transportation impact tax purposes.	(9-0) in favor of implementing Rockville's proposal by establishing the combined parcel as a satellite of the Rockville Town Center Policy Area, effective when and if the City annexes the King Buick parcel.

6.9	For each $500 that the sale price of a residential unit exceeds $100,000: • $2.37 to MCPS CIP and • $2.08 to the General Fund. For each $500 that the sale price of a residential unit exceeds $500,000: • $2.30 split evenly between the County CIP and rental assistance. Exempt: • First $100,000 of consideration payable if unit is the homebuyer's principal residence.	Recommendation 6.9: Incorporate progressive modifications into calculation of the Recordation Tax to provide additional funding for school construction and the county's Housing Initiative Fund. For each $500 that the sale price of a residential unit exceeds $100,000: • $2.87 to MCPS CIP and • $2.08 to the General Fund. For each $500 that the sale price of a residential unit exceeds $500,000: • $2.30 split evenly between the County CIP and rental assistance and • $0.50 to MCPS CIP. For each $500 that the sale price of a residential unit exceeds $1 million: $1 to HIF. Exempt: • First $100,000 of consideration payable if unit is the homebuyer's principal residence. • First $500,000 of consideration payable if purchaser is a first-time home buyer and it's the home buyer's principal residence.	GO Committee: Did not discuss this recommendation.	TBD

Fiscal Impact Statement
Bill 38-20, Taxation – Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements - Amendments

1. **Legislative Summary**

Bill 38-20 would amend transportation and school impact tax district designations and the impact tax rates that apply in these districts. Bill 38-20 would also modify the applicability of development impact tax exemptions for certain uses and in certain locations, and generally amend the law governing transportation and school development impact taxes. This Bill is part of the Planning Board's recommended changes to the Subdivision Staging Policy.

The Planning Board recommends tax changes to be included in Bill 38-20 as follows:

- Apply one tax rate for all multifamily units in both low-rise and high-rise buildings;
- calculate the standard school impact taxes at 100% of the cost of a student seat using the newly created School Impact Area student generation rates, but apply a discount to single-family attached and multifamily units to incentivize growth in certain Desired Growth and Investment Areas (DGA), and maintain the current 120% factor within the Agricultural Reserve Zone;
- allow a school impact credit for any school facility improvement constructed or funded by a property owner if the Montgomery County School Board agrees to the improvement;
- eliminate the school impact tax surcharge of $2 for each square foot of gross floor area that exceeds 3,500 s.f. to a maximum of 8,500 s.f.;
- eliminate the current impact tax exemptions from development in former Enterprise Zones;
- exempt any development in a qualified Opportunity Zones certified by the U.S. Treasury Department; and
- limit the exemption for any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development with 25% MPDUs to require paying the applicable tax discounted by an amount equal to the lowest standard impact tax rate by housing type.

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2. **An estimate of changes in County revenues and expenditures regardless of whether the revenues or expenditures are assumed in the recommended or approved budget. Includes source of information, assumptions, and methodologies used.**

Bill 38-20 does not impact County expenditures related to the reporting and collection of impact taxes to reflect the proposed changes. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) assumed the impact tax collection and reporting administered and managed by the Department of Permitting Services would be implemented within existing appropriations.

To estimate the potential changes in County revenues, OMB and the Department of Finance collaborated with Planning staff to collect data and then develop a systematic approach to evaluate each component in those proposed tax changes. We evaluated the historical/actual impact tax collections between FY15 and FY20 under the newly proposed school impact area framework, analyzed the macro-level effects on school and transportation impact tax collections resulting from the rate and structure changes, and then utilized a forecasting model developed by Finance and evaluated the pipeline data of unbuilt residential projects in the County to provide an illustrative example of the potential financial implications of the proposed impact tax rate and structure changes based on specific pipeline project locations in the County. A detailed analysis of anticipated tax changes related to the Planning Board's Subdivision Staging Policy recommendations, including changes in Bill 38-20, is presented in Attachment 1(©1-30). This analysis was included in the County Executive's comments on the proposed Subdivision Staging Policy.

Below (Table 1) summarizes the projected changes in County revenues that could be expected. Note that the forecasting analysis assumes that existing development patterns continue over the next six years, and the pipeline analysis also assumes that projects currently submitted or approved will be fully built out as is. However, future development may significantly shift as a result of the pandemic or changes in the housing market or overall economy.

Table 1. Estimated Revenue Changes from Planning Board's Recommendations on Impact Taxes and Related Fees

	No.	Planning Board's Recommendations	Estimated Revenue Changes	Annual Estimate
School Impact Taxes	6.1	Apply one tax rate for all multifamily units in both low-rise and high-rise buildings.	Forecast data shows an average $4.4M in revenue loss per year if using one-rate for multifamily units. (This amount is incorporated into the figures in 6.2 below.)	
	6.2	•Calculate the standard school impact taxes at 100% of the cost of a student seat using "new" School Impact Area student generation rates. •Apply a discount (60%) to single-family attached and multifamily units to incentivize growth in certain desired growth and investment areas (DGA). •Maintain the current 120% factor within the Agricultural Reserve Zone.	Forecasting indicates a loss of $4M in revenue loss per year if using the proposed rates. The estimate includes all unit types in all school impact areas. For Pipeline analysis, the revenue loss could be greater, estimated at $7.3M. The annual estimate uses the average between $4M and $7.3M.	(5,650,000)
	6.3	Allow school impact tax credit for any school facility improvement constructed or funded by a property owner with MCPS' agreement	No fiscal impact analysis can be performed due to data limitation.	
	6.4	Eliminate School Impact Tax Surcharge on units larger than 3,500 sf	Surcharge generated from single-family units was $1.66M per year between FY15 and FY20. If eliminated, it would likely result in approximately $1.66M in revenue loss if historical development patterns are maintained.	(1,660,000)
	4.16	Require Utilization Premium Payments for a school projected utilization exceeds 120% three years in the future	If the UPP was applied over the past six years, $3M in revenue per year could have been generated. If UPP are applied to Pipeline projects, it's estimated that $4M or more could be generated per year.	4,000,000
Tax Exemptions	6.5	Enterprise Zone Exemptions - Eliminate the current tax exemptions in former EZ	If eliminating exemption for former EZ, pipeline analysis suggested that County could gain $4.4M per year under the current rate, but only collect $2.5M from proposed rates.	2,500,000
	6.6	Opportunity Zone Exemptions - Exempt any development in Opportunity Zones	Pipeline analysis suggests that revenue loss would be $3.6M per year under current rates compared to $2.2M under proposed rates. Due to the drastic rate changes, the exemption effect in OZ would be less under proposed rates.	(2,200,000)
	6.7	25% Affordable Housing Exemptions - Limit the exemption amount to the lowest standard impact tax by housing type and place the affordable units in the MPDU Program.	Using the case study of 14 projects, the proposed rates and 25% MPDU limitation are likely to generate an additional $31.5M for all projects. Assuming those projects would take 5 years to build out, the average revenue generated per year would be $6.3M. If take 10 years to build out, the average revenue would be only $3.15M.	3,150,300

NOTE: Additionally, the Planning Board proposed a new Utilization Premium Payment (UPP) fee that developers would pay when a school's projected utilization three years in the future exceeds 120%. Although this requirement is not part of the Bill 38-20 amendments, the potential payments collected from the UPP charges were developed based on a percentage of the proposed impact tax rates, and they would have a fiscal impact on County revenues. For this reason, they are included here.

3. **Revenue and expenditure estimates covering at least the next 6 fiscal years.**

   As discussed in Question #2, OMB and Finance used the historical FY15-FY20 data to estimate future revenues over the next six fiscal years with the following steps:

   - Utilizing Finance's forecasting model to establish a "baseline" under the assumption of development patterns to be continued over the next six years in similar trends and under current rate structure;
   - applying a differential between the proposed rates and the average historical rates to each school impact area; and
   - forecasting the potential revenue that could have been generated if the recommended rate changes were applied, and the resulting difference indicates the likelihood of change in macro tax collections projected over the next six years.

   The forecasting under the proposed rates indicates that the County is likely to collect $24M (or 12.7%) less in school impact taxes than that of the baseline forecast under the current tax rates over the next six fiscal years. This could represent an average of $4M in revenue loss per year. When analyzing 416 projects currently existing in Planning's pipeline dataset, OMB estimated that those projects, if fully built out within a 10-year timeframe, the average revenue collected per year within the proposed rates would be $7.3M less than the current rates. Additionally, the elimination of the surcharge for single-family units would likely result in an average of $1.66M in revenue loss per year based on the historical data analysis. Without taking into consideration other changes in exemptions and new funding sources, the proposed rate structure changes with reduced and discounted taxes would likely result in a loss of $43.9M dollars from FY21-FY26.

   These reductions in impact tax revenues are partially offset by proposed changes in existing impact tax exemptions ($3.5 million/year on net). These exemption changes relate to reductions in the 25% MPDU exemption ($3,150,300/year) and elimination of impact tax exemptions in former enterprise zones ($2,500,000/year). However, the revenue increase related to the elimination of the former enterprise zone exemption is almost fully negated by the proposed new exemption for Opportunity Zones – some of which are former Enterprise Zones ($2,200,000).

4. **An actuarial analysis through the entire amortization period for each bill that would affect retiree pension or group insurance costs.**

   Not applicable.

5. **An estimate of expenditures related to County's information technology (IT) systems, including Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.**

   Not applicable.

6. **Later actions that may affect future revenue and expenditures if the bill authorizes future spending.**

   Bill 38 – 20 does not authorize future spending.

7. **An estimate of the staff time needed to implement the bill.**

   Not applicable.

8. **An explanation of how the addition of new staff responsibilities would affect other duties.**

   Not applicable.

9. **An estimate of costs when an additional appropriation is needed.**

   Not applicable.

10. **A description of any variable that could affect revenue and cost estimates.**

    Estimating impact taxes is very challenging. Impact tax revenues would vary depending on how the currently approved projects move forward and how, or if, developers respond to the amended tax rates for newly established school impact areas and desired growth areas, exemption changes, and the new UPP requirement. It is difficult to predict future shifts in market demand and individual developer's decision-making.

11. **Ranges of revenue or expenditures that are uncertain or difficult to project.**

    Revenue generated from impact tax collections is generally difficult to project due to market volatility or other conditions which can impact the timing and scope of individual projects. As previously noted, it is difficult to estimate how many developers may adjust their development plans as each project's cost/benefit analysis is unknown to the County.

12. **If a bill is likely to have no fiscal impact, why that is the case.**

    Not applicable.

13. **Other fiscal impacts or comments.**

    Not applicable.

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Fiscal Impact Statement
Expedited Bill 39-20, Taxation - Recordation Tax - Amendments

1. **Legislative Summary**
   Expedited Bill 39-20 will increase the rate of the recordation tax levied under the state law for certain transactions involving the transfer of property and would establish a partial exemption from the recordation tax for a first-time home buyer. Bill 39-20 would also amend the allocation of revenue received from the recordation tax to capital improvements for schools and to the Montgomery Housing Initiative Fund.

Table 1. Rate changes under the current law vs. the Planning Board's proposal

(1) For each $500 of Debt to $499,999	**Current Rate**		**Proposed Rate**		
General Fund	$	2.08	$	2.08	
MCPS Capital Improvement	$	2.37	$	2.87	a)
Subtotal	**$**	**4.45**	**$**	**4.95**	
(2) for each $500 of Debt Between $500,000 to $999,999					
(A) Premium $2.30					
Capital Improvement	$	1.15	$	1.15	
Rent assistance	$	1.15	$	1.15	
(B) MCPS Capital Improvement			$	0.50	b)
Subtotal (cumulative)	**$**	**6.75**	**$**	**7.75**	
(3) for each $500 of Debt over $1,000,000					
Montgomery Housing Initiative			$	1.00	c)
Total Recordation Tax Pay (cumulative)	**$**	**6.75**	**$**	**8.75**	
Exemptions 52-16B (b):	**Current**		**Proposed**		
(1) owner-occupied residential property 7 month of 12 month after the property is conveyed.		$100,000		$100,000	
(2) If the buyer of the property is a first time home buyer.		N/A		$500,000	d)

Current Rates Sec 52-16B (a) and 52-16B (b) County Code

Proposed rate changes:

a) Increase the current tax rate of $2.37 by $0.50 to $2.87 for each $500 interval of which net revenue is reserved or allocated to capital improvements to schools;
b) Increase of another $0.50 for each $500 or fraction of $500 of the amount over $500,000 of which the net revenue is reserved or allocated to the cost of capital improvements to schools;
c) Increase of an additional $1.00 for each $500 or fraction of $500 of the amount over $1,000,000 of which net revenue is reserved for and allocated to the Montgomery Housing Initiative under Section 25B-9; and
d) Exempt from the recordation tax the first $500,000 of the consideration payable if the buyer of that property is a first-time home buyer. (Exemption applies only to recordation tax for residential units.)

2. **An estimate of changes in County revenues and expenditures regardless of whether the revenues or expenditures are assumed in the recommended or approved budget. Includes source of information, assumptions, and methodologies used.**

With the exception of the one-time cost for software modification and testing outlined in item #7, Bill 39-20 does not impact County expenditures related to the reporting and collection of recordation tax required by the proposed changes.

Table 2. Analysis of Recordation Tax Collections

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Finance (Finance) calculated the proposed rate collection based on FY2019 actual collections and home sale data from Market Statistics, and assumed all first-time homebuyers purchased homes with cost of less than $500,000 to estimate the potential exemption.

Recordation Tax	Funding Allocation	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Changes		
		FY19 Tax Collection	Additional Revenue for School CIP	Additional Revenue for MHI	Increases Related to Rate Increase
BASE - for each $500 that the sales price <$500K	General Fund	$ 54,465,614			$ -
	MCPS Capital Improvement	$ 62,038,090	$ 13,088,205		$ 13,088,205
PREMIUM -for each $500 that the sales price >$500K	MCPS Capital Improvement	$ 15,904,800	$ 6,915,087		$ 6,915,087
	Rent Assistance	$ 15,904,599			
MHI - for $500 that the sales price >$1M	Montgomery Housing Initiative (MHI)	$ -		$ 2,027,000	$ 2,027,000
	Total	**$ 148,313,103**	**$ 20,003,291**	**$ 2,027,000.00**	**$ 22,030,292**

Calculation of the additional revenue for schools CIP is based on Montgomery Planning (Planning) staff's estimate as validated by the Department of Finance. Planning applied the historical recordation tax collection data for FY19 from the Treasury Division (Department of Finance) to the proposed new tax rates related to MCPS Capital Improvement. With this approach, the proposed change would have generated $20M more in revenues for MCPS CIP.

Calculation of the additional revenue for MHI ($2.03M), and the First-Time Homebuyers exemption (-$13M) was calculated based on data published by MarketStat in the Market Statistics Report for 2019. Using this data, Finance and OMB were able to group home sales into tiers that matched the recordation tax tiers. The 2019 Montgomery County home sales data was then used to calculate revenues under the current and proposed rates to determine the additional revenues for home sales over $1M. Then, based on the assumption that first time homebuyers would fall into the lowest tier of home sales (<$500K), the calculated number of first-time homebuyers was multiplied by the average sales price in the lower tier of home sales. (Table 3)

Table 3. First Time Homebuyers Exemption

2019 Home Sales	# of Sales	Average Sold Price (Est.)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate Changes			% Change
			Amount	Estimated Amount	Est. Exemption (1st $500K for 1st Homebuyer)	Total Amount	
>$100,000 to <$499,999	7,290	$ 330,062	$ 14,926,635	$ 16,603,785	$ (13,005,007)	$ 3,598,778	-76%
>$500K to <$999,999	4,247	$ 689,958	$ 26,010,445	$ 29,322,745	$ -	$ 29,322,745	13%
>$1M	1,180	$ 1,858,898	$ 25,848,050	$ 31,554,050	$ -	$ 31,554,050	22%
Total Residential	**12,717**	**$ 554,555**	**$ 66,785,130**	**$ 77,480,580**	**$ (13,005,007)**	**$ 64,475,573**	**-3%**

Notes

1. The data source is the 2019 home sales reported by Market Statistics; the calculation reflects the existing tax exemption for the first $100,000 of the sales price if it is the homebuyer's principal residence.
2. The Housing Center of the American Enterprise Institute reported a 44.9% 2019 share of first-time homebuyers for Montgomery County in 2019. The calculated exemption by OMB and Finance assumes the proposed policy change of exempting the first $500K of the sales price for first-time homebuyers.
3. Market Statistics home sales data reports FHA first time homebuyers. First time home buyer definition: (HUD, FHA) "an individual who has had <u>no ownership in a **principal residence** during the **3-year**</u> period ending on the date of purchase of the property. This includes a spouse (if either meets the above test, they are considered first-time homebuyers). NOTE: In an effort to find first time homebuyer data more consistent with state definitions, OMB and Finance requested information from the Circuit Court. This data was not available.
4. Using 2019 data, we estimate that the exemption for the first-time homebuyers whose sales price is less than $500K would yield a loss of approximately $13.01M.

Table 4: Summary of Recordation Tax Resulting from Proposed Rate Changes

Proposed Rate changes applied to FY19 collection	
Additional Revenue for School CIP	$ 20,003,292
Additional Revenue for MHI	$ 2,027,000
Exemption for First-time Homebuyers (<$500)	$ (13,005,007)
Total Estimated Revenue	$ 9,025,285

Based on FY19/CY19 data, we could expect to receive an additional $22M or 14.8% increase in recordation tax revenues without the new first-time homebuyer exemption. However, with the new exemption, we expect a $13M loss in revenue, for a net increase of $9.03M in recordation tax revenues.

3. **Revenue and expenditure estimates covering at least the next 6 fiscal years.**
If the proposed changes are approved, the direct impact of the estimated tax exemption for first-time homebuyers will have a negative revenue impact ($5.5M loss estimated) on the General Fund, though additional revenue generated for the Schools CIP and MHI would

more than offset these losses across all funds. Table 5 shows the revenue estimated for the next 6 years by fund, assuming development and housing markets do not deviate from historical trends.

Table 5: Summary of Estimated Revenue Changes by Fund Type

Recordation Tax Proposed Bill 39-20 - Annual Estimated Revenue changes by Fund Type			Forecast-"Proposed Rates" FY21-FY26	
MCPS Capital Improvement increase	$	12,463,015	$	74,778,088
Montgomery Housing Initiative increase	$	2,027,000	$	12,162,000
General Fund Operating decrease	$	(5,464,730)	$	(32,788,381)
Grand Total Revenue increase	**$**	**9,025,285**	**$**	**54,151,707**

4. **An actuarial analysis through the entire amortization period for each bill that would affect retiree pension or group insurance costs.**
   Not applicable.

5. **An estimate of expenditures related to County's information technology (IT) systems, including Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.**
   Not applicable.

6. **Later actions that may affect future revenue and expenditures if the bill authorizes future spending.**
   Finance, which administers this tax, does not expect later actions that may affect future revenue and expenditures nor does this bill authorize future spending

7. **An estimate of the staff time needed to implement the bill.**
   There are additional one-time costs required of Finance to implement Bill 39-20. Changes will have to be made in Oracle, the recordation tax system adopted in June 2020, and in the County's own recently developed system for administering transfer and recordation taxes for transactions that cannot be processed by Simplifile. Testing should precede the implementation when developing changes for any of the mentioned systems. Implementation will require the equivalent of at least 0.5 workyears in total- comprised of roughly 50-50 split between technical and functional staff, and will also require coding by the proprietary software companies. Finance estimates at least 1,040 work-hours will be needed to reconfigure the IT system to track and monitor recordation tax collections at an estimated cost of $65,000.

8. **An explanation of how the addition of new staff responsibilities would affect other duties.**
   Not applicable.

9. **An estimate of costs when an additional appropriation is needed.**
   Not applicable.

10. A description of any variable that could affect revenue and cost estimates.
The variables that could affect the revenue estimates are:

- Overall recordation tax activity (purchases of homes and commercial properties, refinancing, etc.)
- Real estate market conditions;
- The percent of first-time home buyers and price of homes they purchase.

11. Ranges of revenue or expenditures that are uncertain or difficult to project.
Not applicable.

12. If a bill is likely to have no fiscal impact, why that is the case.
Not applicable.

13. Other fiscal impacts or comments.
Not applicable.

14. The following contributed to and concurred with this analysis:
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Bill No. 37-20
Concerning: Subdivision – Preliminary Plan – Adequate Public Facilities – Amendments
Revised: 10/14/2020 Draft No. 3
Introduced: July 29, 2020
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Enacted: ______
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Sunset Date: None
Ch. ____, Laws of Mont. Co. ______

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Planning Board

AN ACT to:

(1) **[[**require an applicant**]]** authorize the Planning Board, when reviewing an application for an extension of the validity period of an adequate public facilities determination, to **[[**provide**]]** require an updated determination of school adequacy for the remaining unbuilt units; and

(2) generally amend the law governing a determination of adequate public facilities

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 50, Subdivision of Land
Division 50.4, Section 4.3

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Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets**]**	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets**]]**	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Division 50.4, Section 4.3 is amended as follows:

4.3. Technical Review

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J. *Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO).*

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7. *Extensions*.

a. *Application*. Only the Board may extend the validity period for a determination of adequate public facilities; however, a request to amend any validity period phasing schedule may be approved by the Director if the length of the total validity period is not extended.

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iii. For each extension of an adequate public facilities determination:

(a) the applicant must not propose any additional development above the amount approved in the original determination;

(b) the Board must not require any additional public improvements or other conditions beyond those required for the original preliminary plan;

(c) the Board may require the applicant to submit a traffic study to demonstrate how the extension would not be adverse to the public interest;**[**and**]**

(d) an application may be made to extend an adequate public facilities period for a lot within a subdivision covered by a previous adequate public facilities determination if the applicant provides sufficient evidence for the Board to determine the amount of previously approved development attributed to the lot**[.]**<u>;</u> <u>and</u>

<u>(e)</u> <u>if the remaining unbuilt units would generate more than 10 students at any school serving the development, the</u> **[[**<u>applicant</u>**]]** <u>Board must</u> **[[**<u>provide</u>**]]** <u>make a new adequate public facilities determination for school adequacy for the remaining unbuilt units under the school test in effect at the time of Board review.</u>

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g. If a new adequate public facilities determination is required under this Subsection, the procedures in Chapter 8, Section 8-32 apply.

Sec. 2. Transition.

The amendments made in Section 1 must apply to any requests to extend the validity period for a determination of adequate public facilities received by the Planning Board on or after January 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Sidney Katz, President, County Council Date

Approved:

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Marc Elrich, County Executive Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Clerk of the Council Date

Bill No. 38-20
Concerning: Taxation - Development Impact Taxes for Transportation and Public School Improvements – Amendments
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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Planning Board

AN ACT to:
(1) update transportation and school impact tax districts;
(2) establish impact tax rates by school impact tax districts;
(3) eliminate the school impact tax premium on certain types of dwelling units;
(4) modify the applicability of development impact tax exemptions for certain uses and in certain locations; **[[**and**]]**
(5) establish a Utilization Premium Payment for certain developments to reduce school overcapacity; **[[**and**]]**
(6) define an agricultural facility;
(7) provide a discount on certain impact tax rates for certain types of developments and for developments in certain areas; and
(8) generally amend the law governing transportation and school development impact taxes.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 52, Taxation
Sections 52-39, 52-41, 52-49, 52-50, 52-52, 52-54, 52-55, **[[**and**]]** 52-58, and 52-59

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* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Sections 52-39, 52-41, 52-49, 52-50, 52-52, 52-54, 52-55, [[and]] 52-58, and 52-59 are amended as follows:

52-39. Definitions.

In this Article the following terms have the following meanings:

Additional capacity means a new road, **[[**widening an existing road,**]]** adding an additional lane or turn lane to an existing road, or another transportation improvement that:

(1) increases the maximum theoretical volume of traffic that a road or intersection can accommodate, or implements or improves transit, pedestrian and bike facilities or access to non-auto modes of travel; and

(2) is classified as a minor arterial, arterial, parkway, major highway, controlled major highway, or freeway in the County's Master Plan of Highways, or is similarly classified by a municipality. The Director of Transportation may find that a specified business district street or industrial street also provides additional capacity as defined in this provision.

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance policy area transportation adequacy standards means standards by which the area-wide adequacy of transportation facilities serving a proposed development are judged. APFO policy area transportation adequacy standards do not include requirements for other on-site or off-site transportation improvements that may be separately required or standards relating to local area review which may be independently required.

Agricultural facility means a building or structure, or portion of a building or structure that is used exclusively for the storage or processing of an agricultural product to prepare the product for market and is located in the Agricultural Reserve, Rural Residential, RE-1 or RE-2 Zones.

Applicant means the property owner, or duly designated agent of the property owner, of land on which a building permit has been requested for development.

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52-41. Imposition and applicability of development impact taxes.

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(c) The following impact tax districts are established:

(1) *White Flint:* The part of the White Flint Metro Station Policy Area included in the White Flint Special Taxing District in Section 68C-2;

(2) *Red Policy Areas:* Bethesda CBD, Chevy Chase Lake, **[[**Dale Drive/Manchester Place,**]]** Forest Glen, Friendship Heights, Grosvenor, Glenmont, **[[**Long Branch, Lyttonsville/Woodside**]]**, Lyttonsville, Medical Center, Purple Line East, Rockville Town Center, Shady Grove **[[**Metro Station**]]**, Silver Spring CBD, **[[**Takoma/Langley**]]** Takoma, Twinbrook, **[[**and**]]** Wheaton CBD and Woodside;

(3) *Orange Policy Areas:* Bethesda/Chevy Chase, Burtonsville Crossroads, **[**Chevy Chase Lake,**]** Clarksburg Town Center, Derwood, Gaithersburg City, Germantown Town Center, Kensington/Wheaton, **[**Long Branch,**]** North Bethesda, R&D Village, Rockville City, Silver Spring/Takoma Park, **[**Takoma/Langley,**]** White Flint, except the portion that is included in the White Flint Special Taxing District in Section 68C-2, and White Oak Policy Areas;

(4) *Yellow Policy Areas:* Aspen Hill, Clarksburg, Cloverly, Fairland/Colesville, Germantown East, Germantown West, Montgomery Village/Airpark, North Potomac, Olney, and Potomac Policy Areas; and

(5) *Green Policy Areas:* Damascus, Rural East, and Rural West Policy Areas.

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(g) A development impact tax must not be imposed on:

(1) any Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit built under Chapter 25A or any similar program enacted by either Gaithersburg or Rockville**[**,**]**<u>;</u>

(2) any other dwelling unit built under a government regulation or binding agreement that limits for at least 15 years the price or rent charged for the unit in order to make the unit affordable to households earning less than 60% of the area median income, adjusted for family size;

(3) any Personal Living Quarters unit built under **[**Sec. 59-A-6.15**]** <u>Section 59-3.3.2.D</u>, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A;

(4) any dwelling unit in an Opportunity Housing Project built under Sections 56-28 through 56-32, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A;

(5) **[**any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least 25% of the dwelling units are exempt under paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4), or any combination of them;

6] any development located in an enterprise zone designated by the State [or in an area previously designated as an enterprise zone];

(6) except for a development located in the City of Rockville, any development located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone certified by the United States Treasury Department;

(7) a house built by high school students under a program operated by the Montgomery County Board of Education; [and] or

(8) a farm tenant dwelling.

(h) The development impact tax does not apply to:

(1) any reconstruction or alteration of an existing building or part of a building that does not increase the gross floor area of the building;

(2) any ancillary building in a residential development that:

(A) does not increase the number of dwelling units in that development; and

(B) is used only by residents of that development and their guests, and is not open to the public; and

(3) any building that replaces an existing building on the same site or in the same project (as approved by the Planning Board or the equivalent body in Rockville or Gaithersburg) to the extent of the gross floor area of the previous building, if:

(A) [[construction begins]] an application for a building permit is filed within four years [[one year]] after demolition or destruction of the previous building was substantially completed; [[or]]

(B) the Director of the Department of Permitting Services or the Director's designee finds that the applicant was unable to apply for a building permit or commence construction within four years after demolition or destruction of the previous building was substantially completed due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant or the applicant's agents; or

(C) the previous building is demolished or destroyed, after the replacement building is built, by a date specified in a phasing plan approved by the Planning Board or equivalent body.

However, if in **[[**either**]]** any case the development impact tax that would be due on the new, reconstructed, or altered building is greater than the tax that would have been due on the previous building if it were taxed at the same time, the applicant must pay the difference between those amounts.

52-49. Tax rates.

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(g) Any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least 25% of the dwelling units are exempt under Section 52-41(g)(1) must pay the tax discounted by an amount equal to the **[[**lowest standard**]]** impact tax rate applicable in the **[[**County**]]** Red Policy Area for that unit type.

(h) Except for a development located in the City of Rockville, any development located in a Desired Growth and Investment Area, as defined in the 2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy, must pay the tax at:

(1) 40% of the otherwise applicable rate if located in an Orange Policy Area; or

(2) 32% of the otherwise applicable rate if located in a Yellow Policy Area.

52-50. Use of impact tax funds.

Impact tax funds may be used for any:

(a) new road**[[**, widening of an existing road,**]]** or total reconstruction of all or part of an existing road **[[**required as part of widening of an existing road,**]]** that adds an additional lane or turn lane **[[**highway or intersection capacity**]]** or improves transit service or bicycle commuting, such as bus lanes or bike lanes;

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52-52. Definitions.

In this Article all terms defined in Section 52-39 have the same meanings, and the following terms have the following meanings:

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Public school improvement means any capital project of the Montgomery County Public Schools that adds to the number of teaching stations in a public school.

School service area means the geographically defined attendance area for an individual school.

52-54. Imposition and applicability of tax.

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(c) The following public school impact tax districts are established, as identified in the County Growth Policy:

(1) Infill Impact Areas; and

(2) Turnover Impact Areas **[[**; and

(3) Greenfield Impact Areas**]]**.

(d) The tax under this Article must not be imposed on:

(1) any Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit built under Chapter 25A or any similar program enacted by either Gaithersburg or Rockville**[**,**]**<u>;</u>

(2) any other dwelling unit built under a government regulation or binding agreement that limits for at least 15 years the price or rent charged for the unit in order to make the unit affordable to households earning equal to or less than 60% of the area median income, adjusted for family size;

(3) any Personal Living Quarters unit built under Section 59-3.3.2.D, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A;

(4) any dwelling unit in an Opportunity Housing Project built under Sections 56-28 through 56-32, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A;

(5) **[**any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least 25% of the dwelling units are exempt under paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4), or any combination of them;

(6)**]** any development located in an enterprise zone designated by the State<u>;</u> **[**or in an area previously designated as an enterprise zone; or**]**

<u>(6)</u> <u>except for a development located in the City of Rockville, any development located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone certified by the United States Treasury Department; or</u>

(7) a house built by high school students under a program operated by the Montgomery County Board of Education.

[[(d)**]]** <u>(e)</u> The tax under this Article does not apply to:

(1) any reconstruction or alteration of an existing building or part of a building that does not increase the number of dwelling units of the building;

(2) any ancillary building in a residential development that:

(A) does not increase the number of dwelling units in that development; and

(B) is used only by residents of that development and their guests, and is not open to the public; and

(3) any building that replaces an existing building on the same site or in the same project (as approved by the Planning Board or the equivalent body in Rockville or Gaithersburg) to the extent of the number of dwelling units of the previous building, if:

(A) **[[**construction begins**]]** an application for a building permit is filed within four years **[[**one year**]]** after demolition or destruction of the previous building was substantially completed; **[[**or**]]**

(B) the Director of the Department of Permitting Services or the Director's designee finds that the applicant was unable to apply for a building permit or commence construction within four years after demolition or destruction of the previous building was substantially completed due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant or the applicant's agents; or

(C) the previous building is demolished or destroyed, after the replacement building is built, by a date specified in a phasing plan approved by the Planning Board or equivalent body.

However, if in **[[**either**]]** <u>any</u> case the tax that would be due on the new, reconstructed, or altered building is greater than the tax that would have been due on the previous building if it were taxed at the same time, the applicant must pay the difference between those amounts.

[[(e)**]]** <u>(f)</u> If the type of proposed development cannot be categorized under the residential definitions in Section 52-39 and 52-52, the Department must use the rate assigned to the type of residential development which generates the most similar school enrollment characteristics.

[[(f)**]]** <u>(g)</u> A Clergy House must pay the impact tax rate that applies to a place of worship under Section 52-41(d) if the house:

(1) is on the same lot or parcel, adjacent to, or confronting the property on which the place of worship is located; and

(2) is incidental and subordinate to the principal building used by the religious organization as its place of worship.

The place of worship tax rate does not apply to any portion of a Clergy House that is nonresidential development.

52-55. Tax rates.

(a) The Council must establish the **[**Countywide**]** rates for <u>each school impact tax district</u> **[**the tax under this Article**]** by resolution after a public hearing advertised at least 15 days in advance.

(b) **[**The tax on any single-family detached or attached dwelling unit must be increased by $2 for each square foot of gross floor area that exceeds 3,500 square feet, to a maximum of 8,500 square feet.**]**

[[<u>Any non-exempt single-family attached or multifamily unit located in a Desired Growth and Investment Area, as defined in the County Growth Policy, must pay the tax at 60% of the otherwise applicable rate.</u>

(c)**]]** Any Productivity Housing unit, as defined in Section 25B-17(j), must pay the tax at 50% of the otherwise applicable rate.

[[(d)**]]** (c) The County Council by resolution, after a public hearing advertised at least 15 days in advance, may increase or decrease the rates established under this Section.

[[(e)**]]** (d) The Director of Finance, after advertising and holding a public hearing as required by Section 52-17(c), must adjust the tax rates set in or under this Section effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with the update to the Subdivision Staging Policy using the latest student generation rates and school construction cost data. The Director must calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of one dollar. The Director must publish the amount of this adjustment not later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year.

[[(f)**]]** (e) Any non-exempt dwelling unit in a development in which at least 25% of the dwelling units are exempt under Section **[[**52-41(g)(1)**]]** 52-54(d)(1) must pay the tax discounted by an amount equal to the **[[**lowest standard**]]** impact tax rate applicable in the **[[**County**]]** Infill School Impact Area for that unit type up to the amount of the impact tax otherwise applicable.

(f) A three-bedroom multi-family dwelling unit located in an Infill Impact Area must pay the tax at 40% of the otherwise applicable rate.

52-58. Credits.

(a) Section 52-47 does not apply to the tax under this Article.

(b) A property owner must receive a credit for constructing or contributing to an improvement of the type listed in Section 52-56(d), including costs of site preparation.

(c) [[A property owner may receive credit for constructing or contributing to other physical school facility improvements not listed in Section 52-56(d) if the Montgomery County School Board agrees to the improvement.

(d)]] A property owner may receive credit for land dedicated for a school site, if:

(1) the density calculated for the dedication area is excluded from the density calculation for the development site; and

(2) the Montgomery County School Board agrees to the site dedication.

[(b)] [[(e)]] (d) If the property owner elects to make a qualified improvement or dedication, the owner must enter into an agreement with the Director of Permitting Services, or receive a development approval based on making the improvement, before any building permit is issued. The agreement or development approval must contain:

(1) the estimated cost of the improvement or the fair market value of the dedicated land, if known then[,];

(2) the dates or triggering actions to start and, if known then, finish the improvement or land transfer;

(3) a requirement that the property owner complete the improvement according to Montgomery County Public Schools standards; and

(4) such other terms and conditions as MCPS finds necessary.

[(c)] [[(f)]] (e) MCPS must:

(1) review the improvement plan or dedication;

(2) verify costs or land value and time schedules;

(3) determine whether the improvement is a public school improvement of the type listed in Section 52-56(d)[[, meets the

requirements of subsection (c),]] or meets the dedication requirements in subsection [(a)] [[(d)]] (c);

(4) determine the amount of the credit for the improvement or dedication; and

(5) certify the amount of the credit to the Department of Permitting Services before that Department or a municipality issues any building permit.

[(d)] [[(g)]] (f) An applicant for subdivision, site plan, or other development approval from the County, Gaithersburg, or Rockville, or the owner of property subject to an approved subdivision plan, development plan, floating zone plan, or similar development approval, may seek a declaration of allowable credits from MCPS. MCPS must decide, within 30 days after receiving all necessary materials from the applicant, whether any public school improvement which the applicant has constructed, contributed to, or intends to construct or contribute to, will receive a credit under this subsection. If during the initial 30-day period after receiving all necessary materials, MCPS notifies the applicant that it needs more time to review the proposed improvement, MCPS may defer its decision an additional 15 days. If MCPS indicates under this paragraph that a specific improvement is eligible to receive a credit, the Director of Permitting Services must allow a credit for that improvement. If MCPS cannot or chooses not to perform any function under this subsection or subsection (c), the Department of Permitting Services must perform that function.

[(e)] [[(h)]] (g) (1) A property owner must receive a credit for constructing or contributing to the cost of building a new single family residence that meets Level I Accessibility Standards, as defined in Section 52-107(a).

(2) The credit allowed under this Section must be as follows:

(A) If at least 5% of the single family residences built in the project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the owner must receive a credit of $250 per residence.

(B) If at least 10% of the single family residences built in the project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the owner must receive a credit of $500 per residence.

(C) If at least 25% of the single family residences built in the project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the owner must receive a credit of $750 per residence.

(D) If at least 30% of the single family residences built in the project meet Level I Accessibility Standards, then the owner must receive a credit of $1,000 per residence.

(3) Application for the credit and administration of the credit must be in accordance with Subsections 52-107(e) and (f).

(4) A person must not receive a tax credit under this Section if the person receives any public benefit points for constructing units with accessibility features under Chapter 59.

[(f)**]** **[[**(i)**]]** (h) The Director of Finance must not provide a refund for a credit which is greater than the applicable tax.

[(g)**]** **[[**(j)**]]** (i) Any credit issued under this Section before December 31, 2015 expires 6 years after the Director certifies the credit. Any credit issued under this Section on or after January 1, 2016 expires 12 years after the Director certifies the credit.

[(h)**]** **[[**(k)**]]** (j) After a credit has been certified under this Section, the property owner or contract purchaser to whom the credit was certified may transfer all or part of the credit to any successor in interest of the same property. However, any credit transferred under this subsection must only be applied to the tax due under this Article with respect to the property for which the credit was originally certified.

52-59. [[Reserved]]. Utilization Premium Payment

(a) In addition to the tax due under this Article, an applicant for a building permit must pay to the Department of Finance a Utilization Premium Payment if such payment was required under the Annual School Test in effect at the time the building was approved.

(b) The Council by resolution, after a public hearing advertised at least 15 days in advance, must establish the rates for the Utilization Premium Payment.

(c) The Director of Finance, after advertising and holding a public hearing, must adjust the rates set in or under this Section effective on July 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with the update to the Subdivision Staging Policy using the latest student generation rates and school construction cost data. The Director must calculate the adjustment to the nearest multiple of one dollar. The Director must publish the amount of this adjustment not later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(d) The Payment must be paid at the same time and in the same manner as the tax under this Article.

(e) The Department of Finance must retain funds collected under this Section in an account to be appropriated for any public school improvement that adds capacity designed to alleviate overutilization in the school service area from which the funds were collected.

(f) The Utilization Premium Payment must not be imposed on any:

(1) Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit built under Chapter 25A or any similar program enacted by either Gaithersburg or Rockville;

(2) other dwelling unit built under a government regulation or binding agreement that limits for at least 15 years the price or rent charged for the unit in order to make the unit affordable to households earning equal to or less than 60% of the area median income, adjusted for family size;

(3) Personal Living Quarters unit built under Section 59-3.3.2.D, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A; or

(4) dwelling unit in an Opportunity Housing Project built under Sections 56-28 through 56-32, which meets the price or rent eligibility standards for a moderately priced dwelling unit under Chapter 25A.

Sec. 2. Effective date -Transition.

This Act takes effect on February 26, 2021. The amendments in Section 1 **[[**take effect on March 1, 2021 and**]]** must apply to:

(1) any application for a building permit filed on or after **[[**March 1**]]** February 26, 2021; except for

(2) **[[**that the amendments related to discounts or exemptions for projects with 25% MPDUs must only apply to**]]** any dwelling unit in a development for which a preliminary plan application is filed **[[**and accepted on or after**]]** prior to **[[**March 1**]]** February 26, 2021 that

includes 25% affordable units as defined in Sections 52-41(g)(1) through 52-41(g)(4) or 52-54(d)(1) through 52-54(d)(4).

Approved:

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Sidney Katz, President, County Council Date

Approved:

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Marc Elrich, County Executive Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Clerk of the Council Date

Expedited Bill No. 39-20
Concerning: Taxation - Recordation Tax – Amendments
Revised: 7/24/2020 Draft No. 1
Introduced: July 29, 2020
Expires: January 29, 2022
Enacted: ______
Executive: ______
Effective: ______
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. ______

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Planning Board

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:
(1) increase the rate of the recordation tax levied under state law for certain transactions;
(2) amend the exemptions from the recordation tax for certain transactions;
(3) allocate the revenue received from the recordation tax for certain uses; and
(4) generally amend the law governing the recordation tax

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 52, Taxation
Section 52-16B

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets**]**	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets**]]**	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 52-16B is amended as follows:

52-16B. Recordation Tax.

(a) *Rates.* The rates and the allocations of the recordation tax, levied under Md. Tax- Property Code §§12-101 to 12-118, as amended, are:

(1) for each $500 or fraction of $500 of consideration payable or of the principal amount of the debt secured for an instrument of writing, including the amount of any mortgage or deed of trust assumed by a grantee;

(A) $2.08, of which the net revenue must be reserved for and allocated to the County general fund; and

(B) **[**$2.37**]** $2.87, of which the net revenue must be reserved for and allocated to the cost of capital improvements to schools; and

(2) if the consideration payable or principal amount of debt secured exceeds $500,000**[**,**]**:

(A) an additional $2.30 for each $500 or fraction of $500 of the amount over $500,000, of which the net revenue must be reserved for and allocated equally to:

[(A)**]** (i) the cost of County government capital improvements; and

[(B)**]** (ii) rent assistance for low and moderate income households, which must not be used to supplant any otherwise available funds**[**.**]**; and

(B) an additional $0.50 for each $500 or fraction of $500 of the amount over $500,000, of which the net revenue must be reserved for and allocated to the cost of capital improvements to schools; and

(3) if the consideration payable or principal amount of debt secured for a single-family dwelling unit exceeds $1,000,000, an additional $1.00 for each $500 or fraction of $500 of the amount over $1,000,000, of which the net revenue must be reserved for and allocated to the Montgomery Housing Initiative under Section 25B-9.

(b) *Exemptions*.

(1) The first $100,000 of the consideration payable on the conveyance of any owner-occupied residential property is exempt from the recordation tax if the buyer of that property is an individual and intends to use the property as the buyer's principal residence by actually occupying the residence for at least 7 months of the 12-month period immediately after the property is conveyed.

(2) The first $500,000 of the consideration payable on the conveyance of any owner-occupied residential property is exempt from the recordation tax if the buyer of that property is a first-time home buyer.

Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2021 and must apply to any transaction which occurs on or after January 1, 2021.

Approved:

Sidney Katz, President, County Council Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Clerk of the Council Date

Planning Board Recommendation ($0.50, $0.50, $1.00)						
	FY19	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $100,000	Additional Revenue from $0.50 increase	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $500,000	Additional Revenue from $0.50 increase to MCPS	Total Additional Revenue
Schools CIP	$62,038,090	26,176,409.28	$13,088,204.64			
General Fund	$54,671,817					
County CIP and Rent Assistance	$31,809,200			13,830,086.96	$6,915,043.48	
	$86,481,017				**Total MCPS CIP**	$20,003,248.12
					Total HIF $1	$2,027,000.00
					Total Recordation Tax Increase	**$22,030,248.12**

Scenario 1. ($0.10, $0.25, $0.50)						
	FY19	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $100,000	Additional Revenue from $0.10 increase	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $500,000	Additional Revenue from $0.25increase to MCPS	Total Additional Revenue
Schools CIP	$62,038,090	26,176,409.28	$2,617,640.93			
General Fund	$54,671,817					
County CIP and Rent Assistance	$31,809,200			13,830,086.96	$3,457,521.74	
	$86,481,017				**Total MCPS CIP**	$6,075,162.67
					Total HIF $0.50	$1,013,500.00
					Total Recordation Tax Increase	**$7,088,662.67**

Scenario 2. ($0.10, $0.10, $0.25)						
	FY19	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $100,000	Additional Revenue from $0.10 increase	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $500,000	Additional Revenue from $0.10 increase to MCPS	Total Additional Revenue
Schools CIP	$62,038,090	26,176,409.28	$2,617,640.93			
General Fund	$54,671,817					
County CIP and Rent Assistance	$31,809,200			13,830,086.96	$1,383,008.70	
	$86,481,017				**Total MCPS CIP**	$4,000,649.62
					Total HIF $0.25	$506,750.00
					Total Recordation Tax Increase	**$4,507,399.62**

Scenario 3. ($0.25, $0.25, $0.50)						
	FY19	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $100,000	Additional Revenue from $0.25 increase	Total Number of Intervals of $500 above $500,000	Additional Revenue from $0.25 increase to MCPS	Total Additional Revenue
Schools CIP	$62,038,090	26,176,409.28	$6,544,102.32			
General Fund	$54,671,817					
County CIP and Rent Assistance	$31,809,200			13,830,086.96	$3,457,521.74	
	$86,481,017				**Total MCPS CIP**	$10,001,624.06
					Total HIF $0.50	$ 1,013,500.00
					Total Recordation Tax Increase	**$11,015,124.06**

Gaithersburg
A CHARACTER COUNTS! CITY

October 28, 2020

The Honorable Sidney A. Katz
Montgomery County Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear President Katz:

On behalf of the Gaithersburg City Council, I would like to express our appreciation to the County Council for the comprehensive and thoughtful review of the 2020-2024 Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP) and the associated tax bills throughout the committee process. Recognizing the substantial changes in the demographic and development patterns that have occurred in the County over the last three decades, the Planning Board proposed an SSP that reflects a significant departure from the principles of prior plans. Even in the most normal times, we understand and appreciate the difficult task of determining the best and most appropriate policies for an area as expansive and diverse as Montgomery County, and recognize that the current economic and public health crisis has added another layer of complexity.

In my comments on November 15, 2020, the City Council and I suggested the Impact Tax Bill (38-30), Sections 52-41 and 52-54, include language regarding the Enterprise Zones and Opportunity Zones. Namely, that those boundaries remain valid during the entire 4 years of the SSP Implementation period (2020-2024), even if these programs are eliminated by the State or Federal Government during that period.

One of the Planning Board's original recommendations was to reduce the tax on *Desired Growth and Investment Areas* (*Activity Centers*) and change the school funding calculation. In order to offset the loss in revenue, an increase in the recordation tax was necessary to generate sufficient funding. During the recent Government Operations Committee meeting there was a recommendation to eliminate discounting the school impact taxes for these areas. However, it is our understanding that Councilmember Friedson has proposed an alternative recommendation that would provide a 40% discount on the transportation impact tax, rather than discounting the school impact tax. A reduction in the transportation impact tax would help drive development to the *Activity Centers* and continue to encourage a mix of residential and non-residential uses. Therefore, we respectfully request your support for Councilmember Friedson's proposal.

If the Council ultimately determines that increasing the Recordation Tax is necessary, we would like to reiterate our previous request that the County enter into a MOU with the City that would allow a portion of the Recordation Tax to be allocated to the City's Housing Initiative Fund, which is our mechanism for building affordable housing stock within the City.

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Finally, we request that the Council include a provision in the Impact Tax Bill, Section 52-50, which would allow more flexibility in the use of the Transportation Impact Tax funds for such things as vision zero initiatives and safety improvements. Such a provision would help the County achieve its Vision Zero goals and take a holistic view of all modes of transportation.

Thanks for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further discussion about the concerns we have outlined. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman
Mayor

Cc: County Council members
Glenn Orlin

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WASHINGTON PROPERTY COMPANY

November 11, 2020

By Email – county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov
The Honorable Sidney Katz, President
and Members of the County Council
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: 2020 – 2024 Subdivision Staging Policy (the "Growth & Infrastructure Policy"); Request to Align Effective Date and Transition with Council Bill 38-20

Dear Council President Katz and Councilmembers,

On behalf of Washington Property Company ("WPC"), we respectfully request that the effective date and transition date of the Growth & Infrastructure Policy be established as February 26, 2021 to allow development projects proceeding in good faith additional time to continue processing Preliminary Plan applications under the existing Subdivision Staging Policy. WPC is headquartered in Bethesda and is the owner and developer of over a dozen multi-family and commercial buildings in Montgomery County. WPC is currently developing a significant economic development project in the Ripley District of Silver Spring and recently obtained Sketch Plan approval from the Montgomery County Planning Board for substantial mixed-use project with office, retail and multi-family residential uses in Downtown Bethesda.

WPC completed significant analyses under the existing Subdivision Staging Policy that are necessary to process a Preliminary Plan application for its mixed-use redevelopment described above. However, WPC's ability to timely process a Preliminary Plan (and accompanying Site Plan) were delayed earlier this year as a result of COVID-19. Absent the unexpected economic consequences arising from the pandemic, WPC contemplated being able to file its next level of development applications under the existing Subdivision Staging Policy. The application of the new adequate public facilities standards included in the Growth & Infrastructure Policy would create additional expense and delay WPC's pursuit of this strategic, mixed-use project that will deliver additional affordable housing and enhance the County's nonresidential tax base. WPC respectfully requests that the effective date and transition language of the Growth & Infrastructure Policy be revised to identify February 26, 2021 as the effective date so that development projects currently processing applications can account for delays caused by COVID-19. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Charles K. Nulsen III
President
Washington Property Company

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	Single-family		Multifamily	
	Detached	Attached	Low-Rise	High-Rise
Current Countywide Rates	$26,207	$27,598	$21,961	$6,113

Impact Taxes	Single-family		Multifamily	
	Detached	Attached	Low-Rise	High-Rise
Infill Impact Areas	$20,510	$17,841	$5,200	$3,193
Turnover Impact Areas	$21,990	$23,813	$12,148	$2,600

Tier 1 UPP (40% at 105% Util.)		Single-family		Multifamily	
		Detached	Attached	Low-Rise	High-Rise
Infill Impact Areas	Elementary	$3,418	$2,974	$867	$532
	Middle	$2,051	$1,784	$520	$319
	High	$2,735	$2,379	$693	$426
Turnover Impact Areas	Elementary	$3,665	$3,969	$2,025	$433
	Middle	$2,199	$2,381	$1,215	$260
	High	$2,932	$3,175	$1,620	$347

Tier 2 UPP (80% at 120% Util.)		Single-family		Multifamily	
		Detached	Attached	Low-Rise	High-Rise
Infill Impact Areas	Elementary	$6,837	$5,947	$1,733	$1,064
	Middle	$4,102	$3,568	$1,040	$639
	High	$5,469	$4,758	$1,387	$851
Turnover Impact Areas	Elementary	$7,330	$7,938	$4,049	$867
	Middle	$4,398	$4,763	$2,430	$520
	High	$5,864	$6,350	$3,239	$693

Tier 3 UPP (120% at 135% Util.		Single-family		Multifamily	
		Detached	Attached	Low-Rise	High-Rise
Infill Impact Areas	Elementary	$10,255	$8,921	$2,600	$1,597
	Middle	$6,153	$5,352	$1,560	$958
	High	$8,204	$7,136	$2,080	$1,277
Turnover Impact Areas	Elementary	$10,995	$11,907	$6,074	$1,300
	Middle	$6,597	$7,144	$3,644	$780
	High	$8,796	$9,525	$4,859	$1,040