

TRANSPORTATION
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**SUBURBAN MARYLAND
TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE**
Montgomery County Council At-Large Candidates
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1. *What is your vision for transportation in Montgomery County? (50 words or less)*

Residents can get where they need to go because infrastructure in Montgomery County will make it possible for residents of all communities to have a full range of choices for their mobility including walking, biking, public transportation, and driving.

2. *What are your top three priority investments for getting the County started on that vision? (50 words or less)*

1. **Build new transit systems such as BRT on 355, 586, 29; Corridor Cities Transitway**
2. **Urban districts leveraging public transportation**
3. **Bike infrastructure that makes biking safe for ALL users**

3. *How would you fund both the backlog of currently approved projects and future transportation improvements? Would you support new dedicated funding sources to address transportation needs? (50 words or less)*

Our capital budget and state capital budget gives us some of the resources that we need. I would use special taxing districts more frequently. I am open to dedicated funding although I have not heard of any proposals recently.

4. *Montgomery County has a long history of approving development, then failing to build the transportation facilities in the master plans adopted to support those developments. Two major projects are currently in danger of falling off the master plan:*

a. *Do you support funding and building the missing link of the Mid-County Highway (M-83) to better connect Clarksburg and other Upcounty communities? **NO***

I do not support building M-83 on the master plan alignment but I support other ways to improve mobility in that area such as Observation Drive Extended, BRT on 355, shuttles to Metro, MARC expansion, shuttles and parking, and more.

b. *Do you support keeping the 1.5-mile extension of Montrose Parkway East on schedule, to begin construction in FY 2021? **NO***

While we may need to build that project, it is a lower priority than many other master planned infrastructure items for White Flint, including items that promote use of Metro, BRT, biking, and walkability. There are many other master planned infrastructure projects in other parts of the county that are also important.

5. *Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) has been on the books for more than 20 years. Do you support funding and constructing the CCT as currently designed? **YES***

a. *Assuming State/Federal funding was available to contribute to the cost, would you be willing to use County funds to pay for it? **YES***

b. *Would you support having Montgomery County take the lead to accelerate the start of the project? **YES***

6. *Do you support the Maryland Traffic Relief Plan to add new express toll lanes on I-270 while keeping the existing lanes free of charge? <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/index.aspx?PageId=580>*

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a. *Would you support making this project multi-modal by adding express bus service on the new lanes? **YES***

7. *Do you support the Maryland Traffic Relief Plan (see link above) to add new express toll lanes on I-495, keeping the existing lanes free of charge? **NO***

a. *Would you support making this project multi-modal by adding express bus service on the new lanes? **YES***

8. *Do you support studying the concept of a second Potomac River crossing, north of the American Legion Bridge? **NO***

9. Do you support dedicated funding for Metro? **YES**
- a. Do you favor the proposal in The Maryland Metro Funding Act (HB 372)? **YES**
- b. If not, what dedicated funding source and amount would you propose? (Limit to 50 words or less)

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