

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES QUESTIONNAIRE
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1.

What is your vision for transportation in Montgomery County? (50 words or less)

Like everyone else, I want to reduce traffic congestion. We need to provide incentives for companies to have more telecommuting workers. This will take cars off the roads. Also, we need expedited road construction. Our projects are consistently over time and over budget.

2.

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

- 1. Implement the incentive program for telecommuting – that will bring more businesses to Montgomery County.*
- 2. Keep our construction contractors on time and on budget*
- 3. More competitive bidding for our road construction projects.*

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)

The CIP has sufficient funding and planning for our future projects. My plan for telecommuting incentives and expedited road construction are inexpensive. Support of dedicated funding for transportation would depend on the details of the plan.

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? YES

b.

Do you support keeping the 1.5-mile extension of Montrose Parkway East on schedule, to begin construction in FY 2021? YES

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? NO*

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> YES*

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? YES*

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? YES*

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)*