

## **Capital Improvement (CIP) Committee Report February 2010**

### **Chair: Steve Augustino**

On January 15, the County Executive proposed his FY 2011-16 capital budget. The Executive's budget includes funding for over 99% of the Board of Education's CIP request, and will allow all projects to proceed as proposed. The Executive gave his presentation at Paint Branch high school to emphasize the wisdom of proceeding with capital projects while construction costs were down. MCCPTA was invited to the press conference and Kay Romero gave remarks on behalf of our organization supporting the CIP budget.

In January, Steve Augustino and Kay Romero met with Council President Nancy Floreen, Education Committee Chair Valerie Ervin and Councilmember Phil Andrews (past Council President) to discuss the CIP budget. It appears that the Council will fund the CIP at the levels proposed in the County Executive's budget.

PTA testimony before the County Council is next week (February 9 and 10). Clusters should urge the Council to provide the funding needed, and emphasize specific projects beneficial to the students that are included in the budget.