

**Capital Improvement Program Committee  
May 2010**

**Chair: Steve Augustino**

**CIP Budget.** The CIP appears to be progressing through the county council well, all things considered. The Council's Education Committee approved the proposed full CIP at its meeting on March 23, 2010. The staff memo is available at this link:  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/col/2010/100323/20100323\\_6.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/col/2010/100323/20100323_6.pdf) .

Please note that budget pressures are affecting the CIP. State aid will come in around \$30 million, and the downturn may affect the county's ability to issue bonds to support the CIP. If, during final approval of the county budget, reductions are necessary, the Education Committee recommends reconsideration or possible deferral of the following projects: increases in HVAC and IAQ projects, the restroom renovation project, the renovation/rehabilitation of reused facilities (RROCS) project other than the McKenney Hills project (which will not be delayed) and the Ridgeview MS improvements. The Education Committee does not recommend delaying the modernizations or the project completion dates of any additions. Note also: the Education Committee does not support maintaining the Building Modifications and Program Improvements (BMPI) project as a countywide project. The Committee prefers individual projects instead.

**FACT Assessments.** Kay Romero and I participated on a FACT Review Committee to discuss changes to the FACT criteria for modernizing schools. The new FACT criteria will be used to assess the NEXT round of schools for modernization (47 schools in all). Modernization schedules for those on the current list WILL NOT be affected.

MCPS produced a report of the discussions and is seeking comment from MCCPTA and individual PTAs about the revised criteria. (Please note: although the MCPS document is identified as a Committee Report, committee members did not review the draft prior to its release to the public and the committee members did not vote on or adopt the report.) Comments on the FACT criteria are requested by May 28. I have posted information for cluster coordinators to assist with comments on the criteria.

**FY 2012 CIP Requests.** Cluster requests for CIP projects in the FY 2012 budget (next year's CIP) are due on June 1. MCPS mailed each cluster coordinator to request CIP comments. I will post additional information to assist cluster coordinators in preparing the requests. Please work with new cluster coordinators to assist them as necessary.