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MEMORANDUM

February 24, 2025

TO: Members of the Government Operations Committee
FROM: Councilmember Evan Glass
SUBJECT: Infrastructure Funding Workgroup

I appreciate the worksessions led by the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee to begin evaluating updates to our impact taxes. I am fully supportive of the creation of an Infrastructure Funding Workgroup to ensure that Montgomery County's tax structure is fair, equitable and competitive. Impact taxes play a critical role in funding the County's transportation and school infrastructure projects; however, they are an imperfect tool. I look forward to this workgroup's recommendations on the best strategies to fund these essential capital projects and address the County's growth-related infrastructure needs.

However, I am concerned about the lack of external representation in the proposed membership of the workgroup. Of the 14 members proposed, all represent the "public" government perspective, with none offering a private real-world view. Industry voices bring important expertise and insights to this important policy discussion, as they are the ones deciding when and where to build the projects that ultimately contribute funds to the capital budget. For this reason I am proposing that an industry representative be added to the workgroup to ensure a comprehensive and holistic approach among all stakeholders.

I look forward to the creation of this workgroup and seeing the creative solutions it will develop.

CC: Councilmembers
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