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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 418 (Montgomery County Delegation)

Appropriations

Montgomery County - Transfer of Rights-of-Way for Highway Construction -
Prohibition
MC 910-99

This bill prohibits the State from selling or transferring any portion of the Rockville facility right-of-way located between Veirs Mill Road and 500 feet east of Parklawn Drive or on the south side of Montrose Road bordering the Old Farm and Tilden Woods subdivisions for the purpose of constructing a new highway, arterial, freeway, or expressway.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The State's Consolidated Transportation Program does not include any projects using the Rockville facility right-of-way to construct the Montrose Parkway or any other roadway. Additionally, the proposed legislation would not prevent the State from selling the properties for any purpose other than for the construction of a highway, arterial, freeway, or expressway.

Local Effect: Decrease in planned expenditures beginning in FY 2000. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The area of Montgomery County cited in the proposed legislation is designated in county plans for a project known as the Montrose Parkway. While the State's Consolidated Transportation Program does not include the project, the county has investigated the construction of the east-west bypass that includes the Rockville facility right-

of-way.

While there are no funds in the county's budget for the development of the Rockville facility right-of-way and the Montrose Parkway, county funds have been programmed for planning and feasibility studies of the parkway for six years beginning in fiscal 1999. The following details the county's budgeted funds for facility planning. The county could not provide what proportion of these funds is earmarked specifically for the parkway.

<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
\$20,000	\$100,000	\$415,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$370,000

The bill would effectively stop the plans for the Montrose Parkway, therefore, planned expenditures for such purposes would decrease.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Transportation (State Highway Administration), Montgomery County

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