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Montgomery County Adopts 2013 Capital Budget

Norristown, PA (March 7, 2013) – The Montgomery County Commissioners today adopted a \$56.69 million capital budget for 2013 that dedicates nearly half that total to road and bridge projects. At the same meeting, the commissioners also adopted an \$11.2 million open space budget for 2013.

The 2013 adopted capital budget, which includes \$42.2 million in county funds and \$14.4 million in revenues from other sources, represents the first year of a \$189 million five-year capital plan.

In addition to the \$21.8 million slated to be spent on roads and bridges, the capital budget also includes \$13.7 million, most of which is earmarked for the first portion of the upgrade of the county's emergency radio and communications system.

Other significant areas of capital spending in 2013 include:

- \$7.9 million for Information Technology
- \$6.08 million for assets and infrastructure
- \$1.8 million for Parkhouse
- \$2 million for economic development
- \$2.4 million for community revitalization

The \$6.08 million for assets and infrastructure is the beginning of expenditures for the repair and rehabilitation of several county-owned structures such as the courthouse garage, Main Street garage and One Montgomery Plaza. The needed repairs to all three structures have been well-publicized, and the five-year plan includes \$53.7 million in planned spending on those and other county-owned structures.

The largest section of the five-year plan is \$128.2 million scheduled for road and bridge projects.

The 2013 Open Space budget adopted today includes \$4.9 million for trail projects; \$3.58 million for projects at Mill Grove and other municipal and private projects; \$1.5 million for Farmland Preservation; and, \$1.1 million for county park improvements.