



City of Rockville Mayor and Council 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PRIORITIES

- Require that the State Highway Administration be responsible for **repair and maintenance of sidewalks and bicycle pathways** on state-owned roads.
- Expand **access to the state Homeowner's Property Tax Credit** for low-and-moderate income homeowners, and individuals with disabilities to provide relief from inflationary pressures and cost-of-living increases.
- Preserve and protect **Municipal Highway User revenue** from the state that contributes to the cost of maintaining and repairing Rockville's transportation infrastructure.
- State funding for **school operations and construction** to support education from birth through community college, including childcare. A fair share of state funding for Montgomery County to cover implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland and prevent larger class sizes, potential furloughs and layoffs.
- Advocate for **youth and at-risk youth programming**, including restoring funding for Youth Service Bureaus, out-of-school activities and juvenile services for youth involved in repeat crimes who do not have access to restoration services support.
- Increased funding for **senior transportation services, recreation and wellness programs, senior programs in neighborhoods, aging in place and village initiatives, and senior outreach.**
- Support for the city's **Vision Zero and Pedestrian Master Plan** efforts.
 - A comparative negligence law that allows pedestrians to claim damages to the degree they are at fault in a vehicle crash.
 - Clarifying in the state transportation code the state's responsibility for maintaining transportation facilities, including sidewalks and streetlights at state intersections along state roadways, and dedicated state funding for maintenance.
 - Reducing the rise in streetlight outages to enhance pedestrian safety and minimize the increased overtime required by city police for traffic management and public safety during outages.
 - Don't Block the Box legislation to prohibit vehicles from entering an intersection if the vehicle is unable to proceed completely through the intersection at traffic lights when green or yellow.
 - Additional complete streets implementation along MD 355, Veirs Mill Road, and all state roads with high numbers of crashes or fatalities.
- Legislation supporting Rockville's **Climate Action Plan** goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, prioritizing equity and building resiliency.
- Just Cause Eviction legislation to prevent landlords from failing to renew a lease during the lease period or seeking to terminate a holdover tenancy without good cause.

LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVES

- **Elwood Smith Community Center:** \$500,000 for design and construction of the center renovation, including removing Americans with Disabilities Act barriers; reconfiguring office space to support out-of-school activity programs, community gatherings and classes; installing flooring; and converting gender-specific restrooms to multiple, single user, ADA compliant restrooms. This project supports the city and state goals to prioritize equity and inclusion.
- **Talbott Street Park:** \$500,000 to demolish and remove a decommissioned water tower, as well as the design and construction of a half-acre park on the city-owned parcel. This project would provide a park to several nearby multifamily complexes, including Woodmont Park Apartments. This project supports the city and state goals to prioritize equity and inclusion.

ROCKVILLE- ENDORSED MML PRIORITIES

- Allow **trained staff, instead of police officers, to review speed camera citations.**
- Expand the admissions and amusement tax by **adding up to a 3% local fee on food and beverages** to generate additional municipal revenue.
- Work with the state Board of Elections and governor's office to create emergency legislation for the upcoming year that authorizes Board of Elections to enter into memorandums of understanding with municipalities for election support.



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