



City of Rockville Mayor and Council

2026 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, including income-challenged seniors and individuals with disabilities, to provide relief from inflationary pressures and cost-of-living increases.
- Preserve and protect municipal **Highway User Revenue and Police Aid Protection** funds that contribute to the cost of maintaining and repairing Rockville's transportation infrastructure and supporting police services.
- Advocate for state **funding for school construction and operations** to support education from birth through community college, including child care.
 - A fair share of state funding for Montgomery County to cover implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and prevent larger class sizes, furloughs and layoffs.
- Advocate for **youth and at-risk youth programming**, including:
 - Restoring funding for Youth Service Bureaus.
 - Supporting out-of-school activities.
 - Providing juvenile services for youth involved in repeat crimes who lack access to restorative services.
- **Increase funding for senior transportation services, recreation and wellness programs, senior programs in neighborhoods, aging-in-place and village initiatives, and senior outreach.**
- Support the city's **Vision Zero and Pedestrian Master Plan** efforts.
 - A comparative negligence law allowing pedestrians to claim damages in proportion to their degree of fault in a vehicle crash.
 - Clarifying the state's responsibility for maintaining transportation facilities, including sidewalks and streetlights at state intersections along state roadways, with dedicated state funding for maintenance.
 - Authorization for state stop-sign monitoring systems in school zones for all local governments.
 - Mitigating the rise in streetlight outages to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce overtime required by city police for traffic management during outages.
 - "Don't Block the Box" legislation prohibiting vehicles from entering intersections unless able to clear them completely on green or yellow.
 - Authorization for regional transportation authorities to implement regional plans and raise transportation revenues for the state and local governments.
 - Additional complete-streets implementation along MD 355, Veirs Mill Road and other state roads with high crash or fatality rates.
- **Support legislation aligned with Rockville's Climate Action Plan goals:** reducing greenhouse gas emissions, prioritizing equity and building resiliency.
- **Strengthen tenant protections.**
 - Just Cause Eviction legislation (as originally introduced in 2025, HB 709) prohibiting landlords from failing to renew leases or terminating holdover tenancies without good cause.
 - Landlord-tenant residential lease fee-disclosure requirements, including rent-history disclosure by year.
 - Legislation prohibiting landlords from using algorithmic pricing tools to determine rent.
- Support the **health care safety net and access to vaccines for all residents.**

LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVES

- Option 1: Twinbrook Park and Dogwood Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacements.** Request: \$570,000 in state funding for each project.
Supports equity and inclusion priorities, as well as Vision Zero. Projects include design and construction to replace steel truss pedestrian bridges, providing access to schools and community facilities.
- Option 2: Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park Gender-Neutral Restroom.** Request: \$150,000 in state funding.
Supports equity and inclusion priorities. Converts storage space within the concession building into a single-user, accessible restroom.

ROCKVILLE-ENDORSED MML PRIORITIES

- Support the Maryland Municipal League's priority on **modernizing municipal revenues.**



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