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OIG Finds Transportation Management Districts Not Complying with Code Requirements

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, <u>Review of the</u> <u>Transportation Management Districts</u>, OIG Publication #25-09, detailing the results of the OIG's review of Transportation Management Districts' (TMD) compliance with the Montgomery County Code (County Code) and County Executive Regulations.

TMDs are part of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) effort to promote the use of alternative transportation modes and strive to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles on County roads. Organized within the within the County's major business districts, TMDs are charged with encouraging the use of public transportation and thereby decreasing traffic congestion, reducing air and noise pollution, and improving traffic safety. They employ a number of strategies to accomplish this goal, including hosting community events, distributing flyers, and meeting with affected employers.

The County Code imposes several requirements on TMDs, including ensuring affected businesses complete Transportation Demand Management Plans, the collection of commuter related data through the use of biennial employee surveys, and the publication of related reports. The OIG's review found varying degrees of compliance with the County Code. The OIG noted in the report that failure to comply with these requirements could negatively impact the County's ability to understand commuting behaviors, leading to initiatives that do not advance the County's goals and potentially waste taxpayer dollars.

The OIG report details 2 findings and 3 associated recommendations aimed at increasing compliance with the County Code.

The full report can be found at <u>https://montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2025/OIGReport25-09.pdf</u>

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