



Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission: FY2025 Proposed Budget

**Pre-Work Session Report to County Board**

Budget Area:	DES
Date of FAAC Action:	March 4, 2024

**Recommended areas for work session discussion:**

1. **Regarding the Teen Mental Health, Substance Use and Programming Proposal:** How does DES work with DHS, DPR and APS to address transportation challenges that prevent youth from accessing services and activities, including students that use transit and those who walk & bike?
2. **Regarding the Evaluation & Restructuring of Development Fees:** there has been increased focus on addressing safety issues on our streets and sidewalks related to “Maintenance of Traffic” plans (MOTs), leading to increased workload for the inspectors in DES. How are these costs for inspecting MOT-related issues factored into the evaluation for cost recovery of development activities?
3. **Regarding the ART 62 Route elimination,** how would the elimination impact students, particularly those living along Lorcom and Kirkwood (where there will not be replacement transit bus service).
  - a. Is there an expected impact on transportation demand management at W-L HS or Dorothy Hamm MS? (I.e. would it lead to seeing more cars at those schools)
4. Can you share more information on forecasted demand and utilization of publicly accessible electric vehicle chargers and what led to the proposed \$500k investment for electric vehicle chargers for public accessibility?
5. How can Arlington County work with APS to replace some school buses with ART bus service for middle and high school students? Could transit service for both the public and general education students be managed out of a single office?
6. As we have increasing lane miles of protected bike lanes and similar micro-mobility infrastructure in the County, how have DES and DPR considered whether sharing equipment to maintain both trails and this micro-mobility infrastructure would lead to efficiencies.

**Performance Measures:** We greatly appreciate the department’s efforts to include outcome and improved output performance measures in the proposed budget. We will include feedback on performance measures generally separately.