

ICC: Perspective

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Election Primary 2006 — Stop the ICC

Supporters of an ICC would like those opposed to think that its construction is assured, which is far from the truth. Governor Ehrlich, has completed his insular ICC exercise by receiving the begrudging approval the Federal EPA. At the same time, however, his fishy bond scheme for financing the \$3 billion highway, the fact all have that it wouldn't relieve traffic on I-270, 495, or 95 but would add traffic on local roads, and would be a toll road has begun to reach the public. A new survey conducted in the spring shows that an ICC's popularity has dropped all have 16% from its 2002 highwater mark, while 54% said they prefer alternative solutions to this wasteful road.

Indeed, Ehrlich's failure to seek genuine transportation solutions guarantees several legal challenges based upon violations of the required NEPA process (and MICC fully supports any efforts of this nature). Ehrlich had hoped to ride on part of an ICC by this fall (an ambition clearly based in politics rather than for the common good). Instead, he was reduced to a ceremonial groundbreaking in June.

But, without question, the political climate has changed, as evidenced by the anger over the violations by developers in Clarksburg and other county municipalities. This means that this year's elections offer another ripe opportunity for us to halt the ICC. So, as we did in 2002, we have listed the major candidates below, indicating their position on the ICC whenever possible.

You can help stop the ICC, and one way is to go to the polls. If you see on this list any candidates in your district who have not declared on the ICC, contact them to voice your opposition. The pendulum is changing against the ICC; you can help it along by voting.

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Legend (D) – Democrat (R) – Republican I – Incumbent

Office	Against an ICC	For an ICC	Undecided/Position Unknown
COUNTY LEVEL <i>Montgomery County Council</i>			
District 1 (vote for one)		Howard Denis (R) - I Roger Berliner (D)	
District 2 (vote for one)	Sharon Dooley (D)	Mike Knapp (D) - I	Scott Dyer (R)
District 3 (vote for one)	Philip Andrews (D) - I	Robert Dorsey (D)	Henry Marraffa (R)
District 4 (vote for one)	Mark Fennel (R) Marilyn Praisner (D) - I		Mike Jones (D)
District 5 (vote for one)		Dennis Walsh (R) Valerie Ervin (D) Hans Riemer (D)	
At-Large (vote for up to four)	Joseph Horgan (Green) Tufail Ahmad (D) Hugh Bailey (D) Marc Elrich (D) Bill Jacobs (D) Cary Lamari (D) Duchy Trachtenberg (D)	Shelton Skolnick (R) Tom Reinheimer (R) Reginald Felton (D) Nancy Floreen (D) - I George Leventhal (D) - I Robert Newsome (D) Donell Peterman (D) Michael Subin (D) - I	Amber Gnemi (R) Adol Owen-Williams II (R) Betty Dale Petrides (D)
County Executive (vote for one)	Robert Raymond Fustero (D)	Robin Ficker (unaffiliated) Chuck Floyd (R) Ike Leggett (D) Steven Silverman (D)	
Prince George's County Council District 1	Tom Dernoga		

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STATE LEVEL			
<i>House of Delegates</i> (vote for up to 3)			
District 14	Anne Kaiser (D) - I Karen Montgomery (D) - I	Jim Goldberg (R) Herman Taylor (D) - I	John Austin (R) John McKinnis (R) Neda Bolourian (D)
District 15		Jean Cryor (R) - I Chris Pilkerton (R) Kathleen Dumais (D) - I Brian Feldman (D) - I	Brian Mezger (R) Craig Rice (D)
District 16	Charles Chester (D)	Robert Dyer III (R) William Bronrott (D) - I Marilyn Goldwater (D) - I Susan Lee (D) - I	Angela Markelonis (R) Mike Monroe (R) Regina Oldak (D)
District 17		Paul Hnarakis (R) Josephine Wang (R) Kumar Barve (D) - I James Gilcrest (D) Cory Siansky (D) Luiz Simmons (D) - I Ryan Spiegel (D)	Mary Haley (R) Laura Farthing Berthiume (D) Elbridge James (D)
District 18	John Low (Green) Dana Beyer (D) James Browning (D) Alfred Carr Jr. (D) Noah Grosfeld-Katz (D) Ana Sol Gutierrez (D) - I Jeff Waldstreicher (D)	Daniel Farrington (D) Jane Lawton (D)	Richard Fenati (R) Joan Pleiman (R) Lorri Simmons (R)
District 19	Paul Griffin (D) Tom De Gonia (D) Henry Heller (D) - I	Thomas Hardman (R) Melodye Barry (D) Benjamin Kramer (D) Alec Stone (D)	John Joaquin (R) Tom Masser (R) Guled Kassim (D) Roger Manno (D)
District 20	Tom Hucker (D) Aaron Klein (D) Lucinda Lessley (D) Heather Mizeur (D) Diane Nixon (D)	Sheila Hixson (D) - I Gareth Murray (D) - I	John Wrightson (R)
District 21	Jon Black (D) Barbara Frush (D) - I Brian Moe (D) - I Joseline Pena-Melnyk (D) Michael Sarich (D)		Neil Sood (R) Ben Barnes (D) Mark Cook (D) Tekisha Everette (D)
District 39	Charles Barkley (D) - I	Bill Witham (R) Saqib Ali (D) Nancy King (D) - I Joan Stern (D) - I	David Nichols (R) Gary Scott (R)
<i>State Senate</i> (vote for one)			
District 14		Rona Kramer (D) - I	Frank Hackenberg (R)
District 15		Bill Askinazi (R) Rob Garagiola (D) - I	

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District 16	Brian Frosh (D) - I	Robert Dyer Jr. (R)	
District 17		Jennie Forehand (D) - I	
District 18		Richard Madaleno (D-I)	David Stegmaier (R)
District 19	Adrienne Mandel (D)	Mike Ryman (R) Mike Lenett (D)-I Lynn Siguenza (R) Carol Petzold (D)-I	
District 20	Jamie Raskin (D)	Ida Ruben (D) - I	
District 21	Jim Rosapepe (D)	John Giannetti (D) - I	Jesse Pulivarti (D)
District 39		Patrick J. Hogan (D) - I	
Governor		Robert Ehrlich (R) - I Martin O'Malley (D)	
FEDERAL LEVEL 8th Congressional Dist.	Deborah Vollmer (D)	Chris Van Hollen (D) - I	Jeffrey Stein (R)
4th Congressional Dist.	Donna Edwards (D)	Albert Wynn (D) - I	Michael Starkman (R) George McDermott (D)

SHA Cooks the Books for an ICC While Cooking Our Air Quality

This past spring, the comment period on the ICC was extended two weeks by the State Highway Administration (SHA) (bringing the grand total time to review their 13,000-page study to 89 days) so that they could comply with the a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirement to measure the effects of small particulate matter released through exhaust fumes. Called a Project-level PM 2.5 Conformity Determination for air quality regarding fine particulate matter (PM 2.5), this report, including a "hotspot analysis," was prepared by the Maryland Department of Transportation and SHA in March 2006 in accordance with the Clean Air Act. The impe-

tus for this report stemmed from the U.S. EPA's January 5, 2005 designation of the Washington region as a non-attainment area for PM2.5. In other words, area emissions already produce too much fine particulate matter for our air quality without an ICC.

No matter, SHA concluded that construction of the ICC "will not cause or contribute to a new violation of the PM 2.5 NAAQS or increase the frequency or severity of a violation." This seems astonishing, considering that SHA estimates that 100,000 vehicles per day will travel the six-lane highway, including big tractor trailer trucks. MICCC, the Audubon Naturalist Society, Environmental Defense,

Sierra Club, the Maryland Native Plant Society and other groups commissioned an independent study that found that an ICC indeed would violate the Clean Air Act and the PM 2.5 NAAQS. Of course, Ehrlich and SHA try to ignore our study, which means they hope to ignore all of those people with asthma, diabetes, heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and inflammatory diseases who are at increased risk of death when exposed to particulate matter air pollution, as proven by several new studies. This is the wrong attitude about our health, and we need to vote in candidates who care.

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Signed _____ Date _____

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