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Subject: Letter to the Editor

As a current resident of Montgomery County, who will most likely retire to St. Mary's County, I read with interest your recent article on the Chancellors' Run Road project. How certain are you that the funds needed for this construction will, in fact, be available when the bills come due? Our (Montgomery) County Executive, Mr. Duncan, shares with the Governor he would like to replace (Mr. Erhlich), a fervent wish to see the much-debated Inter-County-Connector (ICC) built. Both candidates are quite willing to borrow so much money to build the ICC that funding for other highway projects in Maryland will be severely limited for several decades. Have you asked the folks at MDOT (including Secretary Flanagan) whether the funds needed for Chancellor's Run are 'in the bank'? People across the State of Maryland are beginning to learn just how many local road projects will have to be deferred if the ICC is built. Your readers might be interested in learning where the money will be when it comes time to start the Chancellor's Run project. And if the piggy bank is empty, whom should we blame?

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