

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-26-2021

Proposed by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter, Turner, Glaros, Dernoga,
Harrison and Anderson-Walker

Date of Introduction May 18, 2021

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project - Opposition

3 For the purpose of opposing the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project (SC
 4 Maglev Project) given the significant negative impact that it would have on the health, safety and
 5 welfare of County residents and on persons that operate businesses in the County.

6 WHEREAS, the County Council approved, by letter dated May 18, 2021, to support the NO
 7 BUILD Option based on significant concerns identified by the County and the comprehensive
 8 analysis by the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, the SCMaglev Project will have a negative environmental impact surrounding
 10 the construction of the Project and long-term challenges associated with interrupting natural
 11 preservation areas and existing wildlife ecosystems; and

12 WHEREAS, the SCMaglev Project will have an adverse impact on the livelihoods of Prince
 13 Georgians who reside within current residential housing stock/neighborhoods and attend schools
 14 that would be displaced as a result of land taking for Project; and

15 WHEREAS, the SCMaglev Project will cause a lack of usage access to Prince Georgians
 16 bearing the burden of the incoming infrastructure without being able to utilize it for
 17 transportation allowing zero access points from within County boundaries as a rider; and

18 WHEREAS, the SCMaglev Project will result in a lack of economic benefits to Prince
 19 George's workforce lacking any formal assurance that jobs would be dedicated to residents
 20 throughout the duration of constructing the Project; and

21 WHEREAS, the SCMaglev Project will result in potential accidents due to the nature of the
 22 levitation technology and lack of analyses surrounding safety concerns to life surrounding the

1 stationed infrastructure.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
3 County, Maryland, that it opposes the SCMaglev Project given the significant negative impact
4 that it would have on the health, safety and welfare of County residents and on persons that
5 operate businesses in the County.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is directed to send a copy of
7 this Resolution to Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Secretary Gregory Slater, Maryland
8 Department of Transportation, Ms. Holly Arnold, SCMaglev Comments, Maryland Transit
9 Administration, Ms. Lauren Molesworth, Maryland Transit Administration, Environmental
10 Planning, Mr. Brandon Bratcher, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of
11 Transportation, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, Chair, Prince George's
12 County House Delegation, Members, Prince George's County Council, County Executive
13 Angela D. Alsobrooks, Tara H. Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the County
14 Executive, Terry L. Bellamy, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation,
15 Elizabeth Hewlett, Chair, Prince George's County Planning Board, M-NCPPC,
16 Andree Green Checkley, Prince George's County Planning Department, M-NCPPC, Debra S.
17 Borden, Deputy General Counsel, M-NCPPC, and Metropolitan Washington Council of
18 Governments.

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council