

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 12/3/2002

**Reference No.:** CR-1-2003

**Proposer:** Dernoga, Shapiro, Knotts, Dean, Peters, Hendershot **Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Dernoga, Shapiro, Knotts, Dean, Peters, Hendershot, Harrington, Exum

**Item Title:** A Resolution establishing the Prince George's County Council's position and support regarding funding on the Proposed Inner Purple Line

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**Drafter:** Sandra Eubanks, Director  
Transportation, Housing and  
Environment Committee

**Resource** Eric Foster  
**Personnel:** M-NCPPC

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Referral:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Effective Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Date Introduced:** 12/3/2003

**Public Hearing:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ :\_\_ \_\_

**Council Action:** 12/3/2002 ADOPTED

**Council Votes:** PS:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A; TH:A, TK:A, DP:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The Inner Purple Line would connect stops at the New Carrollton Metro Station, Riverdale, Silver Spring, Lyttonsville, Connecticut Avenue, and Bethesda Metro Station. The 14 mile plan, estimated at \$1.4 billion, would call for the line to run largely at grade or above ground. The Inner Purple Line is the most cost effective rail alternative to reduce congestion in the greater Maryland suburban region. Last October, the Governor directed the Secretary of Transportation to make planning, funding and building the light rail project the State's top transit priority in the Washington region. Federal funding would be a major source of construction funds and the upcoming Federal surface transportation reauthorization legislation will play an important role in

maintaining steady progress toward construction of the Purple Line. The Council endorses the Inner Purple Line Project and urges the Maryland Department of Transportation to proceed expeditiously to complete studies for the Inner Purple Line necessary to meet the deadline for earmarking in the next Federal reauthorization and that the Governor and General Assembly provide the State financial support for this project.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**