

Ms. K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

I am writing to express the Prince George's County Council's support for Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation's (DPWT) application for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) 2019 Enhanced Mobility Program – Projects Other than Vehicles. This grant will further a new pilot initiative of the Prince George's County Medical Assistance Mobility Enhancement Pilot Program.

The Council understands that this project will allow the County to expand dialysis transportation (currently from Monday through Friday) to include Saturdays by utilizing the County's taxi fleet. There is currently a gap in transportation services provided by DPWT to this population because there is no para-transit service on Saturdays. Thus, individuals who receive dialysis on Saturdays and depend on the County's para-transit service for transport must rely on family, friends or other options to receive this necessary procedure. Prince George's County is constantly striving to provide innovative multi-modal options to connect our residents to not only jobs and schools, but also to medical services that enhance their quality of life. Further, this project will allow the County to provide new opportunities to the County's active taxi fleet.

According to the FTA, the goal of this grant program is to “improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities...by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.” Specifically, the FTA includes alternatives to public transit that assist seniors and individuals with transportation. The purpose of the Prince George's County Medical Assistance Mobility Enhancement Pilot Program is precisely the type of project that the FTA is soliciting. Since the County is starting with a pilot program, it will be able to receive the necessary insight that will inform future mobility projects for our disabled and senior residents.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you give full consideration to Prince George's County's application for funding of this much needed project. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact my office if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Hon. Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

cc: Hon. Angela D. Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive
Mr. Terry Bellamy, Director, Prince George's County DPWT