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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

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Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement  
CR-047-2025 FY2026 Federal and State Transportation Grant Application  
Authorization

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**CR-047-2025** (*proposed by: the County Executive; introduced by Council Members Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha, Blegay, Olson and Watson*)

Referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW)

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2026 FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION for the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) to file applications for Fiscal Year 2026 from entities distributing Federal funding to include, but not be limited to those with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its' offices and modal administrations, including the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MSHO) of the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS); the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its' offices and modal administrations including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); the

United States Department of Energy (DOE); the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington Region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC).

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### **Fiscal Summary**

#### **Direct Impact:**

*Expenditures:* None.

*Revenues:* Potentially significant increase in revenues.

#### **Indirect Impact:**

Potentially favorable.

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### **Legislative Summary:**

CR-047-2025 was introduced on April 15, 2025, and was referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW). The Resolution is for the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) to file applications for Fiscal Year 2026 with the agencies and entities from which the County may seek direct or indirect federal funding including, but not limited to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its' offices and modal administrations, including the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MSHO) of the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS); the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its' offices and modal administrations including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); the United States Department of Energy (DOE); the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC).

Applications for financial assistance under certain grant programs including, but not limited to the aforementioned agencies impose certain obligations upon the applicant. This includes providing a local share of cost for certain projects and requiring the governing body of Prince George's County by Resolution to authorize the filing of grants.

Additionally, the United States Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, requires an applicant for assistance under the Federal Transit Act to give assurances that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder.

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### **Current Law/Background:**

As a condition of awarding transportation funding through federal, state, and regional agencies and organizations mentioned above, it is an annual requirement that the body of Prince George's County, by resolution, authorize the filing of applications for such funding.

The County has applied for numerous grants and funding assistance with the federal, State, and regional entities in the past, and have received and implemented such transportation programs, including Statewide Specialized Transportation Program; Low or No Emission Grant Program; Maryland Bikeways Program; and Safe Streets and Roads for All.

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### **Discussion/Policy Analysis:**

Applications for financial assistance under certain grant programs of the noted agencies and organizations above impose certain obligations upon the applicant. This includes providing a local share of cost for certain projects and requiring the governing body of Prince George's County by Resolution to authorize the filing of grant applications and formal acceptance of awarded grant funding. Additionally, the United States Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, requires an applicant for assistance under the Federal Transit Act to give assurances that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Given these parameters, the County, as in the past, needs to realize the fiscal obligations of funding assistance, as well as the compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including any additional requirements by USDOT.

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### **Fiscal Impact:**

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-047-2025 may have a potentially favorable fiscal impact on the County through increased funding of transportation projects and programs.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-047-2025 could have a favorable indirect impact by increasing the health and quality of life for County residents, including road and safety programs, pedestrian awareness, and other projects to reduce transportation accidents and fatalities.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

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**Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:**

This Resolution goes into effect on the date of its adoption.

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If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach me via phone or email.