

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-034-2020
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.)
Date:	June 11, 2020
Action:	FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 11-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras)

The Committee convened on June 11, 2020 to review the resolution concerning the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation to file applications for Fiscal Year 2021 with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for grant funding under the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) and the Federal Transit Act. This is the County's 38th year of participation in this program, which provides funding for transportation of the elderly and persons with disabilities. DPWT staff (Martin Harris, Deputy Director and Marisol Peralta, Community Developer II) provided details on the expenditure of these grant funds. This year's grants include \$430,464 from MWCOG:

Medical Assistance Mobility Enhancement Pilot Program: Prince Georges County DPW&T has received an award letter from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) for \$257,700. These funds will be used to expand the existing taxi voucher program that currently provides transportation for eligible dialysis patients Monday through Friday. This grant funding will allow the program to provide an option for transportation to treatments on Saturdays.

Enhanced Mobility Program: Prince Georges County DPW&T has also received an award letter from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) for \$172,764 for the Paratransit Fleet Replacement Initiative. These funds will be used to procure three 15-passenger wheelchair accessible buses to replace existing vehicles that have met useful life. The vehicles will be used for the County's *Call-a-Bus* paratransit program.

The grant award from MTA is typically estimated to be between \$332,000 - \$340,000 and, if received, will be used to purchase paratransit vehicles as well.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CR-34-2020 by a vote of 11-0.