

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2022 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-008-2022

Proposed by Council Member Glaros

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Dernoga, Franklin, Hawkins, Taveras, Turner,
Streeter, Harrison, and Ivey

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 1, 2022

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Transit Equity Day

3 For the purpose of proclaiming February 4, 2022 as Transit Equity Day in Prince George’s County,
4 Maryland.

5 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was an iconic figure in the movements for social justice and racial
6 equality and played a major role in the inception of the Civil Rights movement that ended legal
7 segregation in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the immediate focus of Rosa Parks' historic protest was the unequal access of
9 African-Americans to public transit; and

10 WHEREAS, unequal access to public transit based on race, income, and disability has
11 persisted to this day, and has to a degree become worse, with cuts in public funding for transit and
12 consequent fare increases in many transit systems; and

13 WHEREAS, paratransit is a necessary component for any public transit system to ensure
14 accessibility for people with disabilities who require it. Any expansion of public transit
15 necessitates further strengthening of paratransit so that it is minimally held to the same reliability
16 and timelines standards as other parts of the system; and

17 WHEREAS, the required expansion of public transit to address the climate crisis provides an
18 unprecedented opportunity to continue the tradition of Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights movement
19 by ensuring that transit systems are affordable and accessible and that people of color,
20 economically disadvantaged people, people with disabilities, and other marginalized populations
21 have full access to the benefits of public transit; and

1 WHEREAS, the expansion of public transit provides an unprecedented opportunity to create
2 a large number of good, environmentally sustainable, high-skill, family-supporting transit
3 operation jobs, as well as construction jobs for building new transit facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, increased community access to public transit enforces a reduction in racial,
5 economic, and other disparities while building mobile equity within the community.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
7 Maryland, that February 4, 2022, shall be proclaimed as Transit Equity Day in Prince George's
8 County, Maryland.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all are encouraged to remember and reflect on the
10 contributions of Rosa Parks to public transit systems that are affordable and accessible and
11 recommit themselves to those guiding principles which she embodied for social justice and racial
12 equality.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk of the
14 Council to the County Executive of Prince George's County, Maryland.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council