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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 25, 2021

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chairman  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution in support of transit grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT-MTA), Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Highway Safety Office (MDOT-MHSO), Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT-SHA), Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOG), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Annually, the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) submits grant applications to the FTA and various MDOT offices under several of their programs. This year additional opportunities have been provided to address COVID-19 related transportation and secure transit infrastructure.

The resolution would support applications under several programs, including:


- Section 5311 Funds – Federal and State Funds, provides operating assistance to rural service areas, the funds are used to offset a portion of the paratransit (*Call-A-Bus*) operating costs;
- Large Urban Program Funds used to offset operating costs for (*TheBus*);
- ADA Operating Fund provides funds to support demand response curb-to-curb transportation for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use traditional; fixed-route public transit;
- FTA's Low or No Emission Vehicle Program 5339(c) for the purchase of electric buses and charging stations;
- MWCOG Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funds, to provide free rides to residents who need to get to their COVID-19 vaccine appointments;
- DHS Transit Security Grant Program, which if awarded, will provide security upgrades including technology (cameras, Wi-Fi, software), and infrastructure (fencing, lighting) at the County's transit facilities.

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The FTA, MTA, MWCOG and DHS require Prince George's County to, by resolution, authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation to file these grant applications and accept awards of grant funding.

The County's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Terry L. Bellamy, Director of Department of Public Works and Transportation, at (301) 883-5600.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures

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