



Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair
At-Large Council Member

January 21, 2021

Governor Larry Hogan
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Re: Prince George's County Council's Position on State Funding for the Purple Line corridor in Prince George's County

Dear Governor Hogan,

Maryland Purple Line, and its impact upon the communities and businesses of Prince George's County, remains as a top transportation priority for Prince George's County. We are encouraged that the project is again moving forward thanks to the diligent work of your Administration.

As you know, the Maryland General Assembly set aside \$2 million in Fiscal Year 2021 funds to help struggling businesses impacted by the Purple Line construction. We are very concerned that the funds allocated during the 2020 legislative session (and available for distribution since July 1, 2020) have not been released by your Administration.

Furthermore, we agree with the members of the Purple Line Corridor Coalition Small Business Action Team, and numerous small business owners' premise that "the burdens of an unreliable public transit system falls hardest on low-income communities, communities of color, people with disabilities and others without access to a vehicle." It is essential that your Administration recognize the additional adverse impact that the Purple Line construction is having on businesses and communities across the Purple Line Corridor.

Therefore, the County Council is urging your Administration to release promptly those funds encumbered by the General Assembly to assist struggling businesses and communities along the Purple Line Corridor.

Thank you for a favorable consideration of the Prince George's County Council's position.

Sincerely,

Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Council Chair

cc: Hon. Angela D. Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive