

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2018 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-8-2018

Proposed by Council Members Turner, Glaros and Davis

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Glaros, Lehman, Taveras and Franklin

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction February 13, 2018

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

3 Metro Operations and Long-Term Financing Resolutions

4 For the purpose of expressing the Prince George's County Council's support of the Metropolitan  
5 Washington Council of Government's (COG) resolutions adopting the COG Board of Directors  
6 "Statement of Principles on Metro", long-term dedicated funding of Metro and other actions  
7 supporting the restoration of Metro to a world class system that is safe, efficiently managed, and  
8 maintained in a state of good repair.

9 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("COG") is comprised  
10 of twenty-four jurisdictions of the National Capital Region representing State, County, local  
11 governments and their governing officials, including Prince George's County, plus members of  
12 the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, and;

13 WHEREAS, COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern and the COG  
14 Board of Directors ("COG Board") has identified restoring Metro as its top priority reflecting the  
15 critical role Metro plays in the success of the region's economy, transportation mobility, and  
16 overall quality of life; and

17 WHEREAS, the COG Board established a Metro Strategy Group to assist with developing  
18 a regional strategy to facilitate achievement of the region's goals for Metro of a fully restored,  
19 world class system that is safe, efficiently managed, and maintained in a state of good repair; and

20 WHEREAS, the Metro Strategy Group recommended that the COG Board adopt a series of  
21 principles to provide a focus for the regional actions needed to achieve the goals; and

1           WHEREAS, on June 14, 2017, the COG Board adopted Resolution R37-2017, establishing  
2 a Statement of Principles on Metro, attached hereto and made a part herein, as Attachment A;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, the recommended principles emphasize the urgent need for local and state  
5 governments, the business community and other stakeholders to take unified actions to ensure  
6 that funding solutions and supporting actions are in place by July, 2018; and

7           WHEREAS, the principles further emphasize the critical role of the federal government to  
8 support America’s transit system; and

9           WHEREAS, on December 13, 2017, the COG Board adopted Resolution R64-2017, which  
10 was a resolution on long-term dedicated funding and other actions supporting the restoration of  
11 Metro; and attached hereto and made a part herein, as Attachment B; and

12           WHEREAS, through Resolution R64-2017, the COG Board of Directors has adopted six  
13 actions in support of WMATA’s operating and financing needs, which are set forth below:

14                   1.    The COG Board supports identification and enactment by the  
15                   District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia of long-term dedicated bondable,  
16                   reliable, and sustainable funding, that, together with the federal government,  
17                   collectively provides \$500 million per year of additional funding beyond  
18                   FY2017 levels of commitment, and that grows with the economy, implemented  
19                   by no later than July 1, 2019 (FY2020) to support WMATA’s capital funding  
20                   requirements; and

21                   2.    The COG Board supports fully funding WMATA’s capital  
22                   funding needs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 (FY2019) on a one-year  
23                   interim basis should long-term dedicated funding not be in place. The board  
24                   expects that any temporary short-term capital funding allocation be done in  
25                   accordance with the current WMATA capital funding formula; and

26                   3.    The COG Board urges the federal government to restore \$150  
27                   million in PRIIA funding in the FY 2019 budget and to reauthorize its existing  
28                   funding commitments for FY2019 (PRIIA and transit formula grants) and by no  
29                   later than July1, 2019 (FY2020) to increase its funding commitment to support  
30                   WMATA’s long-term capital funding requirements by the minimum required to  
31                   insure a “State of Good Repair’.; and

1                   4. New long-term funding should be allocated through equal ¼  
2 shares of the \$500 million annual increased contribution, with the federal  
3 government allocating its ¼ in addition to the local shares for each of the parties  
4 to the Compact; and

5                   5. The COG Board feels it is essential that complementary  
6 governance and reform actions are taken resulting in enhancement of  
7 WMATA's management and operational efficiency, thereby enabling best  
8 utilization of new dedicated funding; and

9                   6. The COG Board offers to assist all parties with reaching  
10 agreement on actions 1 through 5 through direct dialogue, facilitation and  
11 decision support as requested.

12           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland, that the County Council supports the Metropolitan Washington Council of  
14 Government's (COG) resolutions adopting the COG Board of Directors "Statement of Principles  
15 on Metro" and the long-term dedicated funding of Metro and other actions supporting the  
16 restoration of Metro; and

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's County,  
18 Maryland urges the region's governments, including the Federal Government and State of  
19 Maryland, to implement the COG Principles to address Metro's need for long-term dedicated  
20 funding during the 2018 State legislative sessions.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall be directed to forward a  
22 copy of this resolution and accompanying correspondence to the Maryland members of the  
23 United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the  
24 President of the Senate, the Chairs of the Prince George's and Montgomery County House  
25 Delegations, the Chairs of the Prince George's and Montgomery County Senate Delegations, the  
26 County Executives of Prince George's and Montgomery County, the President and Members of  
27 the Montgomery County Council and the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of  
28 Governments Board of Directors.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dannielle M. Glaros  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council