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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 1, 2020

Mr. Paul J. Wiedefeld  
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
600 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: New Carrollton Metrorail Station Eastside Joint Development Agreement  
(Docket No. R20-02)

Dear Mr. Wiedefeld:

The New Carrollton Metro Station is one of five targeted Metro Stations in Prince George's County for transit-oriented development by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). It has unmatched accessibility in the Washington, D.C. region including major highways, bus, Amtrak, and MARC. In addition, the Purple Line, a \$5.6 billion Federal and State project with investment from both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties originates at the New Carrollton Station. Consequently, we are writing in support of WMATA's plan to update the New Carrollton Station master plan as part of a joint development with Urban Atlantic and to add two new building sites as part of the overall goal to create a prominent Town Center and more walkable community.

This 640-acre site is well on its way to becoming a premier urban downtown center in the County and in the region. With 2U, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Kaiser Permanente's Mid-Atlantic Headquarters are all now located within a short walking distance of the station. In addition, new multi-family housing has been built and is currently under construction. Moreover, the County is looking forward to breaking ground soon on WMATA's Maryland Headquarters at the New Carrollton Metro Station.

We understand and support the fact that to accommodate the expansion, WMATA would replace the parking spaces lost from Park & Ride Lot 2 and the East Lot and construct a new 1,900-space parking garage in the place of the existing 1,000-space parking space garage owned by Prince George's County. The new garage would also have capacity on the lower level for WMATA and County transit buses. WMATA's own existing 1,700-space parking garage would remain on the site.

The changes noted would establish a comprehensive commuter parking solution for the New Carrollton Metrorail Station that helps advance the development of the station, create a pedestrian-friendly and attractive urban environment, provide an opportunity to install infrastructure to allow battery electric transit buses to recharge during layovers and meet existing and future parking demand.

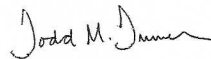
We are aware that WMATA is anticipating use of the Parking Surcharge Reserve Account to help support construction of the new 1,900 space parking garage. We understand that the amount and terms of that support must be agreed upon by all parties – County, State and WMATA. We encourage an agreement that provides enough funding to complete this project, while also preserving a portion of this important resource for future projects. We hope that the timeline for consideration by all parties prioritizes moving this important project forward on an aggressive schedule.

Therefore, we respectfully request the WMATA Board's approval of the modification of the New Carrollton Metrorail Station Eastside Joint Development Agreement consistent with this letter. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

cc: The Honorable Larry Hogan, Governor  
Mr. Gregory Slater, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. Paul Smedberg, Chairman, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board  
Mr. Peter Shapiro, Executive Director, Prince George's County Revenue Authority  
Members, Washington Suburban Transit Commission  
Members, Prince George's County Council