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Council President Evan Glass
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Council Chair Thomas E. Dernoga
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20774

Dear Council President Glass and Council Chair Dernoga:

I am writing on behalf of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, the bi-county agency that administers the Washington Suburban Transit District. The Commission coordinates mass transit programs with the two county governments, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and the Maryland Department of Transportation, and acts as the financial conduit for funding of WMATA.

Under Section 17(d) of the Commission's enabling statute (Chapter 870, Acts of 1965), the Commission may enter into contracts subject to the approval of the two Counties' governing bodies, the County Councils.

The Commission intends to move from 4351 Garden City Drive in Hyattsville to 8400 Corporate Drive, also in Hyattsville, by January 1, 2024. As such, the Commission must enter into a new lease for the new location. The Commission has approved the new lease, and it was previously provided to representatives of both Counties for review. County comments were integrated into the finalized lease.

Therefore, I am writing today on behalf of the Commission and the Chair, Mr. Michael Goldman, to request that the Councils expeditiously approve the lease in upcoming sessions. This request is timely as the Commission's present lease expires at the end of the year, and this approval is needed with sufficient lead time for the landlord to prepare the new space.

I am available to answer any questions that the Councils may have.

Sincerely,

Drew Morrison
Acting Director
Washington Area Transit Office, MDOT

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