

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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Action:	FAV	

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Ivey and Watson).

The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee convened on February 9, 2023 to consider The Honorable Eric C. Olson to serve as Commissioner on the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC) for Prince George's County.

The Commission serves a vital function as the entity that coordinates Regional Transportation activities for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in concert with the State of Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

County Executive Alsobrooks has proposed the new appointment of The Honorable Eric C. Olson to serve as the County Council Representative.

Miriam Brewer, County Executive's Appointments Liaison, introduced Mr. Olson and provided a summary of the appointee's background and accomplishments. Mr. Olson previously represented District 3 on the County Council from 2006 to 2015, serving two years as Council Vice Chair and two years as Chair of the Transportation, Housing, and Environment Committee. Councilmember Olson was an elected member of the College Park City Council (1997-2006) and Executive Director of College Park City-University Partnership, a nonprofit. He received his undergraduate degree from Elmira College and his graduate degree from the University of Maryland. Council Member Olson provided remarks regarding his desire to represent the County Council on the WSTC and thanking the County Executive for the opportunity.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on the appointment by a vote of 3-0.