

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga Chair Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Dernoga

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution in support of transit grant applications to Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its offices and modal administrations including the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MSHO); the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its offices and modal administrations including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). Annually, the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) submits grant applications to the FTA and various MDOT offices under several of their programs. This year additional opportunities have been provided to address Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

While historically, the County has cited only its Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program application in its annual resolution, the MDOT-MTA also requests that it be broadened to include others applied for within the Annual Transportation Plan. These include but are not limited to:

- Section 5311 Funds Federal and State Funds, provides operating assistance to rural service areas, the funds are used to offset a portion of the paratransit (Call-A-Bus) operating costs;
- Large Urban Program Funds used to offset operating costs for TheBus;
- ADA Operating Fund provides funds to support demand response curb-to-curb transportation for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use traditional; fixed-route public transit;
- FTA's Low- and No Emission and Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program for the purchase of electric buses and charging stations; and capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities.

The FTA, MTA and MWCOG require Prince George's County as the governing body to, by resolution, authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation to file for these certain federal and state grant applications. and accept awards of grant funding.

The County's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Michael D. Johnson, Director of Department of Public Works and Transportation, at (301) 883-5600.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

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