

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 1, 2017

The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Davis:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (the "Department") to file an application for Fiscal Year 2018 with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for certain grants under the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program ("SSTAP") and the Federal Transit Act.

The County is entering into its thirty-fifth (35<sup>th</sup>) year of participation in Maryland's SSTAP. The SSTAP strives to improve transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities by providing annual operating and/or capital grant funding to Maryland counties and the City of Baltimore.

The funds received through the SSTAP play a critical role in providing services to our residents. For example, in Fiscal Year 2016, the Department initiated a bus stop enhancement project with the SSTAP grant, which improved the County's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the bus system's overall reliability and safety. Funds under the next cycle will be utilized to support the operation of the County's Call-A-Bus Program.

The County is required to submit a resolution authorizing the filing of grant applications with the Maryland Transit Administration under the Federal Transit Act. The Department is preparing its Fiscal Year 2018 Grant Application for submission to the Maryland Transit Administration.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or Darrell B. Mobley, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation at (301) 883-5600.

Sincerely,

Rushern L. Baker, III

County Executive

Enclosures