PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 4/9/2019

Action: NR

REPORT:

Committee Vote: No Recommendation 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner)

The Committee of the Whole convened on April 2, 2019 and again on April 9, 2019 to discuss this legislation, which proposes the approval of a multi-year contract for local bus services. The legislation is required pursuant to Section 819 of the Prince George's County Charter, which requires Council approval of personal service contracts exceeding an aggregate of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per contractor or an aggregate of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for all other multiyear contracts upon notice and public hearing.

Through a competitive procurement, the bus contract is being awarded to RATP Dev PGC, LLC effective July 1, 2019. This contract is to engage RATP Dev PGC, LLC for bus services including but not limited to management and operation of a 28-fixed-route, fixed-schedule, public transit system, also referred to as "The Bus".

J. Kenneth Battle, Director of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, provided an overview of the legislation. Terry Bellamy, Director, DPW&T Gwendolyn Clerkley, Deputy Director, and Geralyn Bruce, Chief of Transit and Taxi Administration responded to questions posed by the Council regarding: contract provisions, funding sources, supplier diversity, contract limitations, alignment with Transit Vision Plan, proposed schedules/operating hours, routes, fiscal impacts, public participation, staffing and union implications, routes in South County, ride checks and route analysis, RFP process, date of expiration for current contract, the timeline for execution of the contract once approved by the Council and flexibility to include results of WMATA study.

The Resolution was held in Committee on April 2, 2019 to allow the agency to provide additional information and provide an update on the Transit Vision Plan. On April 9, 2019, DPWT provided the requested information and update. After the discussion, the COW voted to move the resolution forward with no recommendation, allowing the scheduling of the required public hearing, tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2019.