

November 4, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Prince George's County Application for the Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Prince George's County Council, I am writing to offer my full support for the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation's (DPW&T) application for a discretionary grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) "***Buses and Bus Facilities Program.***"

Improving the safety and reliability of *TheBus* public transit in Prince George's County, Maryland is imperative. Approval of this application will provide much needed funding to enable the purchase of additional battery electric buses and related charging infrastructure. If awarded, Prince George's County plans to apply these resources to expanding daily bus service in underserved parts of the County, where riders access jobs, healthcare and other vital services while improving air quality and promoting environmental justice. In addition, the County is aggressively advancing the upgrade of electrical charging infrastructure at the existing D'Arcy Road transit campus to support the safe and reliable transition from diesel to zero emission vehicles. Therefore, Prince George's County is seeking \$6,670,800 in federal funding with a \$1,667,700 local match for a total of \$8,338,500.

Prince George's County is a jurisdiction of nearly one million residents, which is immediately adjacent to the Nations' Capital. This funding will accommodate the growing service needs of residents, while supporting the region's Zero Emission Vehicle aspirations. On behalf of the County Council, I hereby request your favorable consideration of the Prince George's County application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Buses and Bus Facilities Program. Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration.

Sincerely,

Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

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