

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 49 - 2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Endorsing and authorizing – Application with the Maryland Transit Administration

Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on _____, 2026.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on _____, 2026.

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”) is the designated recipient
2 in Maryland for grants under the Federal Transit Act; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Administrator of the MTA of the Maryland Department of
5 Transportation is authorized to make grants to counties and to local governments for a mass
6 transportation program of projects; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon
9 the County, including the provision by the County of the local share of the project costs in
10 the program; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the County will file an application for Operational and Capital funding
13 assistance with the MTA for some or all of the following grants under the Federal Transit
14 Act: Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning
15 grants (Sections 5303, 5304 and 5305); Urbanized Area Formula Program grants (Section
16 5307/Large Urban); Bus and Bus Facilities grants (Section 5309); Enhanced Mobility for
17 Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310); Formula Grants for Other than
18 Urbanized Areas grants (Section 5311); the Washington Area Grant (WAG); Americans
19 with Disabilities grants; and the State Special Transportation Assistance Program
20 (SSTAP); and

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22 **WHEREAS**, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation in
23 accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that, in
24 connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act,
25 the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
26 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the County’s goal is that minority business enterprises be utilized to the
29 fullest extent possible in connection with these projects and programs; therefore, definite
30 procedures have been established and are being administered to ensure that minority

1 business shall have the maximum opportunity to compete for construction contracts,
2 supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
5 County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2026 that the County’s application
6 for grants under the Federal Transit Act be endorsed for some or all of the following grants:
7 Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning grants
8 (Sections 5303, 5304 and 5305); Urbanized Area Formula Program grants (Section
9 5307/Large Urban); Bus and Bus Facilities grants (Section 5309); Enhanced Mobility for
10 Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310); Formula Grants for Other than
11 Urbanized Areas grants (Section 5311); the Washington Area Grant (WAG); Americans
12 with Disabilities grants; and the State Special Transportation Assistance Program
13 (SSTAP).

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15 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
16 Maryland that the County Executive is hereby requested to endorse this resolution, thereby
17 indicating approval thereof.

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19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
20 Maryland that copies of the Resolution be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration of
21 the Maryland Department of Transportation.