County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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RESOLUTION NO. 163 – 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short title: Appointment – Danyell Diggs – Multimodal Transportation Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Danyell Diggs to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

Introduced and read first time on Oct 5, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Oct 19, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ✓, Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on Oct 30, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

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

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.332 & 21.502 of the Howard County Code provide for a Multimodal Transportation Board in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Danyell Diggs as a member of the Multimodal Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 30 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Multimodal Transportation Board to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 30, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Danyell Diggs
Ellicott City, MD

DANYELL DIGGS

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, POLICY & PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished transportation policy and project management leader with more than 20 years of experience across federal, state, and local transportation systems. Proven record leading strategic initiatives, multimodal programs, stakeholder engagement, transportation planning, and complex capital and research portfolios.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

Transportation Policy & Planning | Multimodal Mobility | Transit | Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs | Roadway & Community Safety | Stakeholder & Public Engagement | Program & Project Management | Budget & Grant Oversight | Strategic Planning | Equity & Environmental Justice

EDUCATION

M.S., Transportation Planning - Morgan State University
B.S., Logistics - University of Maryland, College Park

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Deacon; Deputy, Women's Ministry; Deputy, Small Group Ministry; and Baptism Ministry volunteer at local church | Physical and Mental Health Committee Chair, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. | Founder and Owner, Custom Made Fitness, Inc., nonprofit 501(c)(3)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Transportation Program Analyst | Federal Transit Administration | Mar 2017 - Dec 2025

- Managed the Transit Bus Automation research portfolio, supporting two five-year strategic plans, $57 million in federal demonstration funding, and 18 published research studies.
- Led mobility-on-demand and innovative transit initiatives designed to improve transportation access and efficiency.
- Coordinated with federal, state, transit industry, research, and private-sector stakeholders and provided analysis and technical guidance to agency leadership.

Deputy Director | Maryland Transit Administration | Jan 2015 - Feb 2017

- Directed 40 employees and consultants in Project Development, Environmental Planning, and Capital Programming.
- Managed more than 40 grants, approximately $200 million annually in federal funding, and a six-year capital program of more than 170 projects valued above $500 million.
- Led bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, transportation trail efforts, alternative transportation management, public involvement, and major planning studies.

Special Assistant to the Secretary | Maryland Department of Transportation | Feb 2014 - Jan 2015

- Served on the Secretary's executive staff and supported strategic decision-making, performance management, program delivery, budget oversight, and DBE analysis.
- Represented the Secretary with elected officials, business and community leaders, higher education, the public, and media.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - CONTINUED

Red Line Project Coordinator | Baltimore City Department of Transportation | Jan 2008 - Feb 2014

- Served as the City's primary liaison for the multibillion-dollar Red Line light rail project and as spokesperson for media inquiries.
- Led implementation of the Red Line Community Compact, creating an inclusive community engagement strategy with the Maryland Transportation Secretary, Baltimore City Mayor, and more than 65 private, nonprofit, and community organizations.
- Built coalitions with elected officials, community leaders, nonprofits, and businesses to advance the project and support efforts to secure significant state and federal funding.
- Managed grant-funded transit-oriented development and historic preservation initiatives along the corridor.

Senior Community Planner | Federal Highway Administration | Jan 2003 - Jan 2008

- Developed standards, guidance, certification reviews, evaluation plans, and performance measures for statewide and metropolitan transportation planning programs.
- Advanced context-sensitive solutions, environmental justice, public involvement, and integration of planning and environmental processes.
- Provided expert analysis and interpretation of transportation planning legislation and regulations and supported national program objectives.

Community Planner | Federal Highway Administration | Apr 1999 - Jan 2003

- Developed national guidance and provided technical assistance for transportation enhancement programs.
- Developed and coordinated the FHWA/FTA Environmental Justice Summit and contributed to environmental justice public participation reviews.
- Developed 'Fundamentals of Title VI/Environmental Justice' and taught 'Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making' to transportation professionals.

SELECTED CAREER HIGHLIGHTS & AWARDS

- USDOT Secretary's Cross-Modal Transit Automation Transformation Team Award (2024).
- FTA Meritorious Team Award (2024).
- Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award (2012), recognizing commitment to diversity, inclusion, and social justice.
- FHWA Environmental Justice Team Award (2002).
- Women's Transportation Seminar FHWA Team Award (2002).
- Adjunct Professor, Morgan State University (2013-2014), teaching Transportation Planning & Policy.
- Instructor, Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making, training transportation professionals in community engagement.