

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Resolution No. 47 - 2019

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

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 certain grants under the Federal Transit Act; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Introduced and read first time April 1, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on April 22, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 6, 2019.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on May 13, 2019.

Calvin Ball
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 is the designated recipient in
2 Maryland for grants under the Federal Transit Act; and

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

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

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

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

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27 **WHEREAS**, the County’s goal is that minority business enterprise be utilized to
28 the fullest extent possible in connection with these projects and programs, and definite
29 procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall
30 have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts or consultants
31 and other services.

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2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
3 County, Maryland this 6th day of May, 2019 that the County's application
4 for a grant under the Federal Transit Act be endorsed.

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

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



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Memorandum

To: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration
From: Chris Eatough
Date: March 12, 2019
Subject: Testimony in support of County Council resolution endorsing the FY 2020 Annual Transportation Plan Application

Each fiscal year, on behalf of Howard County, the Office of Transportation (OOT) prepares an Annual Transportation Plan for submission to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation. Through the application the OOT requests funding for operating and capital grant funds. The grants allow the County to use federal and state funds to subsidize Howard County's portion of the expenses for the Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA), which provides the County's local bus and paratransit service.

The contract for financial assistance imposes certain obligations upon the County, including the provision of the local share of the project costs in the transit program. Therefore, the MTA requires that the Annual Transportation Plan application include an authorizing resolution endorsing the application.

A summary of the application is as follows:

Section I. General Information:

Title: FY 2020 ATP Application
Funding Agency: Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Application Request: \$7,731,974 Federal and State Grant Funds
Purpose of Grant: Howard County Transportation Plan for FY 2019 Operating Assistance and Capital Assistance including facilities.

Section II. Funding:

Operating Grant

Federal/State Funds:	\$4,508,550
<i>Local Match:</i>	
Howard County:	\$9,022,423
Source of Cash Match:	Office of Transportation
Fund:	1400000000
Business Area:	3220
Revenue (Farebox)	\$1,300,000
Fund	2150000000
Business Area	3220

Capital Grant Funds (replacement buses, equipment, electronic fareboxes, preventive maintenance):

Federal/State Funds:	\$3,223,424
<i>Local Match:</i>	
Howard County	<u>\$358,158</u>
Total:	\$3,581,582



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