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Memorandum

To: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration
From: Bruce Gartner 
Date: February 26, 2020
Subject: Testimony in support of County Council resolution endorsing the FY 2021 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 2021 ATP Application
Funding Agency: Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Application Request: \$7,637,046 Federal and State Grant Funds
Purpose of Grant: Howard County Transportation Plan for FY 2021 Operating Assistance and Capital Assistance including facilities.

Section II. Funding:

Operating Grant

Federal/State Funds:	\$4,240,974
<i>Local Match:</i>	
Howard County:	\$652,592*
Source of Cash Match:	Office of Transportation
Fund:	1400000000
Business Area:	3220
Revenue (Farebox, Advertising)	\$1,283,050
Fund	2150000000
Business Area	3220

* County total expenditures in support transit operations will be approximately \$9,200,000 inclusive of this required match amount.

Capital Grant Funds (replacement buses, stop annunciators, preventive maintenance):

Federal/State Funds:	\$3,396,072
<i>Local Match:</i>	
Howard County	<u>\$389,008</u>
Total:	\$3,890,080