

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session


Legislative Day No. 3

Resolution No. 37 - 2020


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.

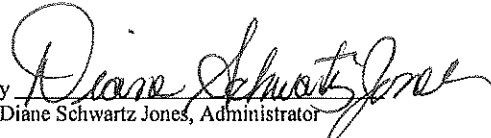
Introduced and read first time March 2, 2020.

By order 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

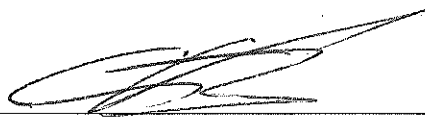
Read for a second time at a public hearing on April 6, 2020.

By order 
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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on April 6, 2020.

Certified By 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on April 7, 2020.


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
2 recipient 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
6 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); the Washington
19 Area Grant (WAG); Americans with Disabilities grants; and the State Special
20 Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP); and

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22 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
23 of 1964, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation 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 enterprise be utilized to
29 the fullest extent possible in connection with these projects and programs, and definite
30 procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business will be

1 able to compete for construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts or consultants
2 and other services.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
5 County, Maryland this 6th day of April, 2020 that the County's application
6 for grants under the Federal Transit Act be endorsed.

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

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

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 37-2020

Introduced: March 2, 2020

Auditor: Edward Shulder

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.

While Council Resolution 37-2020 does not specifically have any fiscal impact, the grant requests it authorizes will increase County revenues and expenditures. The grants generally require a local match of 10 to 25 percent. Note that the **Expected County Match** in Table 1 below represents the specific match amount.

Table 1			
Federal and State Grants and Related County Matching Funds			
Fiscal Year 2021			
Grant	Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Request	Required Match %	Expected County Match
Urbanized Area Formula 15 Program grants (Section 5307/Large Urban)	1,672,126	25%	\$ 541,141
State Special Transportation Assistance Program	162,520	25%	54,173
Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)	475,000	10%	47,778
Washington Area Grant	1,845,828	0%	0
Planning – Technical Assistance	85,500	10%	9,500
Total Operating	\$ 4,240,974		\$ 652,592
Operating Capital Equipment Grant	3,501,072 *	10%	389,008
Total – All Grants	\$ 7,742,046		\$ 1,041,600

* The Federal and State capital grant amount above differs by \$105,000 from the amount provided in the Administration's written testimony due to a math error. The grant amount shown in Table 1 above is accurate per the Office of Transportation (the Office).

Purpose:

This resolution endorses and authorizes the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Other Comments:

The County anticipates transportation service expenditures to significantly exceed the local match requirement. The Office advises that it will budget in excess of \$9,000,000 to support transit operations in the County.



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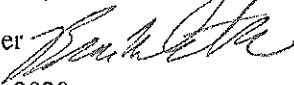
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Memorandum

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



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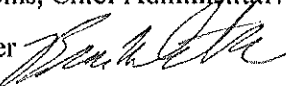
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