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## *Memorandum*

**To:** Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration

**From:** Bruce Gartner

**Date:** March 24, 2021

**Subject:** Testimony in support of County Council resolution endorsing the FY 2022 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. The resolution being submitted to the Howard County Council for this year is substantially similar to last year's resolution.

A summary of the application is as follows:

**Section I. General Information:**

Title: FY 2022 ATP Application  
Funding Agency: Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Application Request: \$5,128,020 Federal and State Grant Funds  
Purpose of Grant: Howard County Transportation Plan for FY 2022 Operating Assistance and Capital Assistance including facilities.

**Section II. Funding:**

**Operating Grant**

**Federal/State Funds: \$3,367,920**

*Local Match*

Howard County: \$534,864  
Source of Cash Match: Office of Transportation  
Fund: 1000000000  
Business Area: 3220  
Revenue (Farebox, Advertising): \$550,958  
Fund: 2150000000  
Business Area: 3220

**Capital Grant Funds (bus replacement and vehicle preventive maintenance)**

**Federal/State Funds: \$1,760,100**

*Local Match:*

Howard County \$440,025  
Total: \$2,200,125

A summary of the estimated federal/state and local match requirements for each grant anticipated in FY 2022 is below but could vary based on federal and state funding availability at the time of application and/or award.

TYPE OF TRANSIT GRANT	FED/STATE	REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH
LU (Large Urban)	\$1,298,738	\$432,913
ADA	\$430,000	\$47,778
WAG (Washington Area Grant)	\$1,476,662	\$0
Capital	\$1,668,100	\$417,025
SSTAP (Statewide Specialize Transportation Assistance Program)	\$162,520	\$54,173
PM (Preventive Maintenance)	\$92,000	\$23,000
TOTAL	\$5,128,020	\$974,889

Given the substantial benefits from these grants to Howard County we are requesting Council Approval of our FY 2022 Transit Assurances Resolution.