

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 23 - 2014

Introduced by: Council Members Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty,
Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson

ARESOLUTION requesting that the Howard County Public Transportation Board provide a report to the County Council and County Executive on the performance of the Howard County public transportation system and on specific improvements required of the system to meet the increasing demand for public transportation options in and around Howard County.

Introduced and read first time on Feb. 3, 2014.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Feb 18, 2014.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments , Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on March 5, 2014.

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2 County to mitigate increased congestion has been acknowledged by a number of previous
3 studies and commissions;

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5 **WHEREAS**, The Maryland Transit Authority projects that the Purple and Red Line
6 expansions of rail service in Maryland will be completed by 2021, which will add
7 approximately 70,000 riders per day to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
8 Authority's system and approximately 50,000 riders per day to the Baltimore area
9 transportation system;

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11 **WHEREAS**, Howard County, located between two expanding metropolitan areas, is
12 projected to increase public transportation riders in the next eight years within the
13 County;

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15 **WHEREAS**, The expected growth of the surrounding transportation systems along with
16 the growth of Downtown Columbia will require the County to invest in public
17 transportation;

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19 **WHEREAS**, Over the last year, the current Howard County public transportation system
20 carried almost 1,000,000 passengers on its fixed route, most of whom have limited
21 transportation options;

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23 **WHEREAS**, The necessary investment to meet public transportation demands will
24 require the County to find new and innovative ways to help fund public transportation to
25 meet the demand of the County residents;

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
27 Maryland this 5th day of March, 2014, that the Public
28 Transportation Board provide the Council a report by ~~September~~ October 30, 2014 with
29 an evaluation of:

- 30 1. The existing transportation services including, but not limited to, comparison

1 against service standards, route efficiencies and the ability to meet existing
2 demand;

3 2. Options to increase or expand public transportation to meet short-term and long-
4 term demand;

5 3. Funding sources, including federal and state funding, for infrastructure and
6 capital projects to increase peak and off peak frequency is achievable in the next
7 five years;

8 4. Expanded capital investment in purchasing environmentally sustainable buses to
9 increase the fleet of Howard County to meet increased levels of service;

10 5. The public transportation aspect of the “Columbia Market Analysis and
11 Economic Development Services” report on the village centers conducted by
12 the Columbia Association, the Howard County Department of Planning and
13 Zoning, and the Howard County Economic Development Authority;

14 6. Bus shelter, bus pad and bus stop use, accessibility such as crosswalks and
15 safety including the proactive use of ADA requirements; ~~and~~

16 7. Feasibility and opportunities for public/private partnerships and expanded
17 regional collaboration; and

18 8. Options for reducing barriers to and promoting use of public transit (such as the
19 use of employer-based and other incentives to promote ridership); and

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21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council of Howard County
22 requests the Public Transportation Board solicit public comments prior to the submission
23 of the report, as well as specific input from the following entities:

24 1. Association of Community Services

25 2. Howard County Economic Development Authority;

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- 3. Howard Community College;
- 4. League of Women Voters of Howard County;
- 5. Howard County Public School System;
- 6. Columbia Association;
- 7. Transportation Advocates of Howard County; and
- 8. Howard County Commission on Disability Issues; and
- 9. Howard County Department of Citizen Services;
- 10. Howard County Commission on Aging;
- 11. Howard County Office of Workforce Development; and
- 12. Howard County Chamber of Commerce.

Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 23-2014

BY: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

Legislative Day No: 3

Date: March 3, 2014

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment adds factors to be evaluated, changes the deadline for reporting, expands the entities from which specific input is to be sought, and makes technical corrections.)

1 On page 1:

- 2 • In line 28, strike “September” and substitute “October”.

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4 On the page following page 1:

- 5 • At the bottom, strike the page number and insert “2”.
- 6 • In line 15, delete “and”.
- 7 • After line 17, insert: “8. Options for reducing barriers to and promoting use of public
8 transit (such as the use of employer-based and other incentives to promote ridership):
9 and”

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11 On the last page :

- 12 • At the bottom, strike the page number and insert “3”.
- 13 • In line 3, delete “and”.
- 14 • In line 4, delete the period and substitute a semicolon.
- 15 • After line 4, insert:
- 16 “10. Howard County Commission on Aging;
17 11. Howard County Office of Workforce Development; and
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