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Memorandum

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

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Date: March 10, 2022

Subject: Testimony in support of County Council resolution endorsing the FY 2023 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 2023 ATP Application
Funding Agency: Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Application Request: \$5,12802 Federal and State Grant Funds
Purpose of Grant: Howard County Transportation Plan for FY 2023 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): \$800,000
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

For these reasons, we are requesting Council Approval of our FY 23 Transit Assurances Resolution.