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Memorandum

To: Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration

From: David Cookson, Acting Administrator *DC*

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Subject: Testimony in support of County Council resolution endorsing FY 2025 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 grant requirements 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 (ATP) application include an authorizing resolution endorsing the application. The resolution being submitted to the Howard County Council for this year is similar to last year's resolution.

This year the Office of Transportation is requesting Capital Grants to support the purchase of up to four heavy duty buses, fund a plan for reconfiguring the office space of the Central Maryland Transit Facility at 8800 Corridor Road, fund a plan to transition the RTA fleet to zero emission vehicles, and to provide \$75,000 to assist with the preventive maintenance of the RTA fleet.

Grant information including Agency detail, purpose and the local required match is included on the following page and will be provided for in the FY 2025 budgets.

For these reasons, we are requesting Council approval of our FY 25 Transit Assurance Resolution.

Section I. General Information:

Title: FY 2025 Annual Transit Plan (ATP) Application

Funding Agency: Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)-Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

Application Request: \$7,954,481 in Federal and State Grant Funds (subtotals below)

Purpose of Grant: Howard County Transportation Plan for FY 2025 Operating Assistance and Capital Assistance including facilities.

Section II Funding:

Operating Grant

Federal/State Funds: \$4,395,860

Howard County Required Match \$ 683,621 (match requirement varies by program)

Total Operating: \$5,079,481

Source of Cash Match: Office of Transportation

Fund: 1000000000

Business Area: 3220

Revenue (Farebox, Advertising): \$863,389

Fund: 2150000000

Business Area: 3220

Capital Grant Funds (bus replacement, plan preparation and vehicle preventive maintenance)

Federal/State Funds: \$2,587,500

Howard County Required Match: \$287,500

Total Capital: \$2,875,000

Office of Transportation - Transit Program					
FY 2025 ATP Funding Plan					
FY 25 Grants	Grant Amount	Required Local Match %	Required Local Match \$	Total Project Amount	GRAND TOTAL
OPERATING					
ADA	430,000.00	90/10	47,778.00	477,778.00	
LU	2,326,678.00	75/25	581,669.50	2,908,347.50	
SSTAP	162,520.00	75/25	54,173.00	216,693.00	
WAG	1,476,662.00	0	0.00	1,476,662.00	
SUBTOTAL	4,395,860.00		683,620.50	5,079,480.50	5,079,480.50
CAPITAL					
Zero-Emission Pla	270,000.00	90/10	30,000.00	300,000.00	
Office Reconfigur	90,000.00	90/10	10,000.00	100,000.00	
Preventive Mainte	67,500.00	90/10	7,500.00	75,000.00	
Vehicles	2,160,000.00	90/10	240,000.00	2,400,000.00	
SUBTOTAL	2,587,500.00		287,500.00	2,875,000.00	2,875,000.00
TOTAL	6,983,360.00		971,120.50	7,954,480.50	7,954,480.50