Resolution No.: 20-152

Introduced: March 28, 2023
Adopted: May 9, 2023

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-92 to the FY23 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Government
Department of Transportation
Transit Services, \$14,409,927

Background

- 1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of seven Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
- 2. The County Executive has requested the following FY23 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation:

Services Services	Operating Expenses	<u>Total</u>	Source of Funds
\$7,864,005	\$6,545,922	\$14,409,927	Mass Transit Fund Undesignated Reserves

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- 3. This increase is needed because:
 - a. Retroactive payments to bus operators, totaling approximately \$8.5 million and reflecting wage adjustments following the creation of a new step schedule, were funded in FY22 but were not made until FY23;
 - b. Increased prices for fuel, parts, and repair services have resulted in a projected increase of over \$6 million for Ride On bus fleet operating costs; and
 - c. The second quarterly analysis for Transit Services projects a deficit of \$14,409,927, reflecting the above and other cost increases net of any savings.
- 4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$14,409,927 for Transit Services and specifies that the source of funds will be Mass Transit Fund Undesignated Reserves.
- 5. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on April 18, 2023.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation is approved as follows:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	<u>Total</u>	Source of Funds
\$7,864,005	\$6,545,922	\$14,409,927	Mass Transit Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Clerk of the Council