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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

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SUBJECT: Authorization to File Application for FY 2026 Annual Transportation Plan Grant

Background

1. This is a resolution authorizing the Chief of the Division of Transit Services of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Large Urban (5307), SSTAP, 5311, Operating and Capital grant(s) funds under the Federal Transit Act.

2. The Maryland Transit Administration is the designated recipient in Maryland for grants under the Federal Transit Act. The Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to counties and local governments for a mass transportation program of projects.

3. The contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project's costs in the program.

4. It is required by the United States Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that, in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder.

5. It is the goal of the applicant that minority business enterprises be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

Action

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

The filing of the aforesaid application is endorsed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

Summary of Grants
MTA Annual Transportation Plan
For Fiscal Year 2026

Washington Area Operating/Preventative Maintenance

Montgomery County operates the Ride On Bus, which provides public transportation service throughout the county. The Maryland Transit Administration, in lieu of providing these services, awards an Operating Transportation grant to assist in the operation of Ride On routes. Federal and State funds totaling $40,589,000 (FY26).

Rural Public Transportation Plan (RPTP)

Montgomery County operates the Ride On Bus, which provides public transportation service to Damascus and Poolesville. The Maryland Transit Administration, in lieu of providing these services, awards a Rural Public Transportation grant to assist in the operation of Ride On routes #76 and #90. Federal and State funds totaling $771,763 (FY26) are matched with a 40% local match from the County.

Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP)

The SSTAP funded services are provided under the County's Call-n-Ride program, which is serviced solely by taxi companies. This aligns well with Medicaid Transportation and the Taxi Voucher/Swipe card programs. Pre-screen recipients use both the Call-n-Ride and the Medical Transportation programs at reduced rates. Certain criteria must be met for each program. Montgomery County will receive $411,493 (FY26) from the State to operate the Call- n-Ride program.

Large Urban Operating Assistance

The Maryland Transit Administration administers the Large Urban Operating Assistance (LUOA) grant, formerly known as Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) project, under the LUOA grant. The LUOA grant provides for funding of additional routes and buses designed to meet the first and last Metro Rail train time slots. These time slots are the second and third shifts, which are usually the shifts that are obtainable for persons re-entering the job market. The riders are primarily Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients.

Ride On bus identified and operates eight routes that would either connect with other transportation or service-specific job sites. These are Ride On routes #5, #12, #16, #20, #26, #46, #55 and #59. Montgomery County will receive $466,358 in State funds with a 25% local match in FY26.

Capital Grant
Montgomery County will request $2,000,000 for the purchase of transit buses.