

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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Resolution No. 182 -2023

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing the 2023 RTA/Howard County Transit Development Plan as a guide for future transit development in Howard County and in the Central Maryland region.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2023.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2023.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council on _____, 2023.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County is a Locally Operated Transit System (LOTS)
2 subject to Federal and State rules and regulations pertaining to Maryland’s LOTS; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, these rules and regulations require that Howard County has a
5 Transportation (Transit) Development Plan (TDP) that is endorsed by local elected
6 officials; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the TDP is an important document that is used in many transit-
9 related planning documents such as the County’s Annual Transportation Plan, Asset
10 Management Plan, Fleet Management Plan, and grant applications; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Howard County, together with Arundel County, Prince George’s
13 County and the City of Laurel, is a member Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility
14 Commission (CMTMC) which was established to maintain an efficient and effective
15 coordinated regional bus system throughout central Maryland known as the "Regional
16 Transportation Agency of Central Maryland" (or “RTA”); and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the TDP preparation process included an extensive amount of
19 public and stakeholder input and involvement including presentations to the Howard
20 County Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) and the CMTMC; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the TDP specifically focuses on addressing community desires and
23 local initiatives including:

- 24 • Improving overall service through progressive route and schedule designs that
25 make transit more attractive and convenient,
- 26 • Meeting the intra-county and out-of-county travel needs for work, school, medical
27 services, and personal business,
- 28 • Providing transit infrastructure improvements to support continued growth in
29 transit services,
- 30 • Generating local support and broadening financial support for transit, and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County desires to and is taking steps towards implementing
2 the TDP; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the TDP is a plan that does not obligate or commit Howard County
5 to implement each of the TDP’s specific recommendations, and

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7 **WHEREAS**, additional public input is required before the TDP’s
8 recommendations for route or fare changes are implemented, and such input may result in
9 changes to the TDP’s specific recommendations.

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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
12 County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2023 that the County Council
13 endorses the 2023 RTA/Howard County Transit Development Plan as attached to this
14 Resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.