AGENDA ITEM #22D
May 27, 2010
Action

MEMORANDUM

May 25, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director GO

SUBJECT: **Action**—resolution approving Annual Transportation Plan grant application to the Maryland Transit Administration

Every year the Department of Transportation submits an Annual Transportation Plan grant application to the Maryland Transit Administration. The application for FY11 is for:

- Rural Public Transportation Plan (RPTP): currently for Route 76 to Poolesville and Route 90 to Damascus;
- Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP): currently for the Call-n-Ride and Medical Transportation programs;
- Capital Assistance: for the purchase of transit vehicles; and
- Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program: for early- and late-running Ride On buses.

The Executive's transmittal letter is on ©1, and a more detailed summary of the grant applications for FY06 is on ©2. The draft adoption resolution is on ©3-4.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 9, 2010

TO: Nancy Floreen, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive

SUBJECT: Authorizing Resolution – Grant Application Request for Annual Transportation Plan & Section 5316 & 5317 Grants

On an annual basis, the County applies for funding from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) for the operation of several transportation programs under one general application. The programs include: the Rural Public Transportation program for the operation of Ride On routes 76 and 90; the SSTAP (Call-n-Ride) program; and, the Federal Earmark (for assistance in purchasing buses). The County has been receiving funds for some of these grants since FY86. The County has also previously applied for Clean Fuel funds through MTA and Section 5316 and 5317 funds through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

MTA requires that a resolution be signed by both the County Executive and the County Council, authorizing the filing of the annual grant application and any other (Clean Fuels, Section 5316 & 5317) grant applications. Once signed, the resolution will remain on file. A new resolution will be required for subsequent grant applications.

I am requesting introduction and approval by the County Council of the attached grant authorizing resolution. Also attached is a summary of the programs supported by the annual grant. I look forward to working with the County Council in adopting this resolution. A signed resolution should be returned to Carolyn Biggins, Chief, Transit Services Division. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Biggins at 240-777-5800.

IL:cgb

Attachments

Summary of Grants
MTA Annual Transportation Plan
For Fiscal Year 2011

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 $309,958 (FY11) 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 Medical Transportation and the Taxi Voucher programs. Both the Call-n-Ride and the Medical Transportation programs pre-screened recipients use the service at reduced rates. Certain criteria must be met for each program. Montgomery County will receive $379,107 from the State to operate the Call-n-Ride program and the State will reimburse the County for expenses incurred for the Medical Transportation program totaling more than $3 million.

Large Urban Operating Assistance

The Maryland Transit Administration administers the Large Urban Operating Assistance (LUOA) grant. The State has indicated that the County should apply for its old Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) project under the LUOA grant. The JARC project 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. These are primarily TANF recipients.

Ride On bus identified and operates eight (8) 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 $582,948 in State funds with a 30% local match in FY11.

Capital Grant

The State has not yet indicated the amount that Montgomery County will receive toward the purchase of transit vehicles.

Resolution: _____
Introduced May 4, 2010
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Authorization to File Application for FY 2011 Annual Transportation Plan Grant and Section 5316 & 5317 Grants

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 Section 5303, 5304, 5307, 5308, 5310, 5311 and/or 5309 grant under the Federal Transit Act.

2. This resolution also authorizes the Chief of the Division of Transit Services of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to file an application with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for Section 5316 and 5317 grants under the Federal Transit Act.

3. 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 to local governments for a mass transportation program of projects.

4. The Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments is the designated recipient in the National Capital Region for Section 5316 and 5317 grants under the Federal Transit Act.

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

6. 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.

7. It is the goal of the applicant that minority business enterprise 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 business shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

Resolution No: _____

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

1. The filing of the aforesaid application is endorsed.

2. The County Executive is requested to endorse this resolution, thereby indicating his approval of the application.

3. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

_____ _____
Witness of County Executive County Executive Date

APPROVED AS TO
FORM AND LEGALITY
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY
BY _____
DATE 2/19/2010