

Resolution No.: 15-1352

Introduced: March 7, 2006

Adopted: March 7, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Councilmembers Knapp and Floreen

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**SUBJECT:** Increased Funding for Metro

**Background**

1. The population of Montgomery County is continuing to grow in both new and well-established communities, making it imperative that residents be provided with as many options for public transit as possible.
2. Metro is a critical part not only of our county's transportation infrastructure, serving more than 400,000 Marylanders each day, but is also a major part of the Greater Washington, DC, Metropolitan mass transit system, moving more than 1 million riders each day, making it one of the best ways for federal employees and visitors from around the world to move in and around the Washington, DC region.
3. Metro is overseen by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and administered under a joint compact between the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
4. The participants of the October 2005 Regional Summit for the Future of WMATA Funding – which included representatives from Montgomery County and all other jurisdictions with oversight of Metro – unanimously approved a resolution pledging to work cooperatively on options for funding WMATA, including alternative forms of dedicated funding.
5. Any increases in funding for Metro should also be contingent on increased administrative oversight and accountability to WMATA members and the public.

6. The State and Local contributions from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC, make up 41% (approximately \$434.6 million) of WMATA's FY 2006 operating budget, and 54% (approximately \$286.6 million) of WMATA's FY 2006 capital budget.
7. Maryland contributes \$167 million to WMATA's FY 2006 operating budget (approximately 11% of its total operating budget) and \$96 million to WMATA's FY 2006 capital budget (approximately 17% of its total capital budget).
8. Maryland's contribution to Metro is allocated from the State Transportation Trust Fund, a special fund revenue account that receives an annual appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly.
9. Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia has introduced legislation (H.R. 3496) – with the support of U.S. Representatives Cardin, Hoyer, Moran, Norton, Van Hollen, Wolf, and Wynn – to make available \$1.5 billion in federal funding for Metro, contingent on commitments from Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland to each provide dedicated funding for Metro.
10. Legislative initiatives are being crafted in Virginia and Washington, DC.
11. A number of bills have been introduced in the Maryland General Assembly to provide a dedicated source of revenue for Metro and other mass transit systems, including bills sponsored by Delegates Barkley, Hixson, Kaiser, and Senator Kramer.

**Action**

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

The Montgomery County Council supports efforts by the Maryland General Assembly to provide increased funding for statewide transit programs and projects, including Metro, and encourages State legislators to quickly approve such legislation;

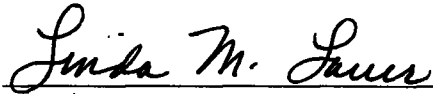
The Montgomery County Council encourages the Governor to approve appropriate legislation to provide for increased funding for statewide transit, including Metro;

The Montgomery County Council applauds efforts of the United States Congress to acknowledge the critical need to invest in Metro and endorses H.R. 3496;

The Montgomery County Council applauds the efforts of the District of Columbia City Council to provide a dedicated funding stream for Metro and endorses efforts to provide this revenue;

The Montgomery County Council supports ongoing efforts in Virginia to promote the importance of a dedicated source of funding for Metro, and encourages its state and local legislators to approve legislation to provide an increased or dedicated source of funding.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Lauer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council