



PROPOSAL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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WHY DO WE NEED A TRANSIT AUTHORITY?

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- County needs greater authority to self-determine its future
- Economic growth of the County (jobs and property tax base) depends on availability of transit (GSSC, White Flint, White Oak, Chevy Chase Lakes Master Plans)
- Need an agency with a single focus and mission to develop, maintain and operate this vital infrastructure
- Need an agency that is more nimble administratively to build the proposed Rapid Transit System (RTS)

Responsibilities of New Authority

(CE Proposed)

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- All Ride-On bus system functions
- Development, financing, maintenance and operations of planned (RTS) network including the CCT
- Coordination of the County's relationship with WMATA, MTA including MARC
- Planning, design, development, maintenance & operations of the County's Parking Lot Districts
- Fleet management for Authority vehicles

Responsibilities of New Authority (cont.)

(CE Proposed)

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- Have the authority to enter into contracts with other governments and private parties
- Establish its own procurement policies and procedures.

Governance of New Authority (CE Proposed)

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- Governing Board (Board) of five members appointed by the CE and confirmed by the County Council (5 year terms)
- Board will:
 - ▣ Create a multi-year capital program to be approved by the CE and Council
 - ▣ Develop operating budget as part of a multi-year financial plan
 - ▣ Hire General Manager and other staff

Governance of New Authority (cont.) (CE Proposed)

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- County Executive will:
 - Appoint Board members
 - Recommend Capital Program to County Council
 - Oversee coordination between Authority and Exec. Branch
- County Council will:
 - Approve Capital Improvements Program
 - Approve Transit Tax Rate

Ask Of Supporters

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- Creation of Authority requires state enabling and County implementing legislation.
- Need group's support for passage of legislation
- For optimum success, County Govt. needs community support to help redefine relationship w/ MDOT

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY INDEPENDENT TRANSIT
AUTHORITY**

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QUESTIONS