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**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Glenn Orlin, Senior Analyst  
**Purpose:** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
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AGENDA ITEM #3F  
June 15, 2021  
**Introduction**

## SUBJECT

FY22 Annual Transportation Plan Grant Application Request for Operating and Capital Funding Assistance

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## BACKGROUND

On an annual basis, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation submits the Annual Transportation Plan grant application to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to fund Section 5307 Capital and Operating Assistance, Section 5309 (Federal) Capital Assistance, Section 5311 Operating Assistance (rural routes 76 and 90), Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (Call-n-Ride Program) and Large Urban Operating Assistance Program. The authorizing resolution will remain on file at MTA. This resolution will cover the FY22 grant application.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

May 25, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, Council President

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: FY22 Annual Transportation Plan Grant Application Request for Operating and Capital Funding Assistance

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit a resolution requesting the County Council's introduction and approval authorizing filing of our annual grant application.

On an annual basis, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation submits the Annual Transportation Plan grant application to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to fund Section 5307 Capital and Operating Assistance, Section 5309 (Federal) Capital Assistance, Section 5311 Operating Assistance (rural routes 76 and 90), Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (Call-n-Ride Program) and Large Urban Operating Assistance Program. The authorizing resolution will remain on file at MTA. This resolution will cover the FY22 grant application.

I am requesting introduction and approval by the County Council of the attached 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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ME/tn

Attachments

Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Authorization to File Application for FY 2022 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 to 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.

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

1. The filing of the aforesaid application is endorsed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Selena Singleton  
Clerk of the Council

**Summary of Grants  
MTA Annual Transportation Plan  
For Fiscal Year 2022**

**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 (FY22).

**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 (FY22) 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. 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 (FY22) 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. These are primarily Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (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 FY22.

**Capital Grant**

Montgomery County will receive \$2,000,000 toward the purchase of transit buses.