

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 3

Resolution No. 4-18

Introduced by Mr. Grasso and Mr. Smith

By the County Council, February 5, 2018

1 RESOLUTION urging the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland
2 Transit Administration to ensure proper security at Light Rail stations in Anne Arundel
3 County

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5 WHEREAS, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) operates a Light Rail line
6 that begins at Cromwell Station located in Glen Burnie in Anne Arundel County,
7 and has several stops at Light Rail stations before leaving the County; and

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9 WHEREAS, over the years of Light Rail service in Anne Arundel County, citizens
10 and elected officials have voiced concerns regarding a lack of proper security, an
11 increase in crime at and around the Cromwell Station in Glen Burnie, including
12 theft, soliciting, fare evasion, and liquor law violations, and a significant number of
13 property crimes around Light Rail stations located in Ferndale and Linthicum; and

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15 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County citizens regularly contact their elected officials
16 seeking increased police presence and security patrols due to crime at the Light Rail
17 stations and adjacent parking areas in the County; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel County Police Department (AAPD) and the MTA
20 share concurrent jurisdiction on all MTA property and facilities located within the
21 County, with primary police responsibility falling to MTA police; and

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23 WHEREAS, despite the concurrent jurisdiction agreement between AAPD and
24 MTA, an increase in crime and a decrease in MTA police presence at Light Rail
25 stations in the County has resulted in a significant increase in workload for AAPD;
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28 WHEREAS, the County Council would like to see improved oversight of Light
29 Rail stations in Anne Arundel County by MTA to protect citizens from crimes
30 against their person and property as well as to prevent nuisance crimes that affect
31 nearby homes and businesses in the County; and

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33 WHEREAS, the County Council recommends implementation of more effective
34 security, beyond security cameras and occasional MTA police patrols at and around
35 Light Rail stations in the County, and a reduction in service to these stations during
36 non-peak times, and further, that the MTA consider elimination of Light Rail stops
37 in the County that jeopardize the safety and security of citizens in residential areas;
38 now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
2 urges the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transit
3 Administration to ensure proper security at all Light Rail stations in Anne Arundel County,
4 to reduce service to stations in certain Anne Arundel County neighborhoods during non-
5 peak times, and to consider closing certain neighborhood Light Rail stations to protect
6 Maryland citizens; and be it further

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8 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Larry Hogan; Maryland
9 Transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn; MTA Administrator Kevin B. Quinn, Jr.; and
10 County Executive Steven R. Schuh.

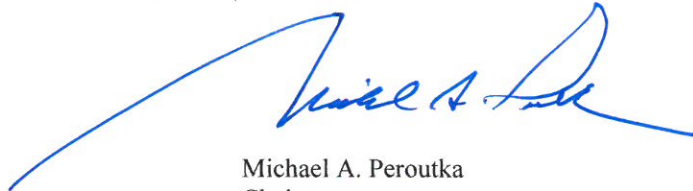
READ AND PASSED this 20th day of February, 2018

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 4-18 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Michael A. Peroutka
Chairman