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Chair, Planning Advisory Board

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The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

RE: Bill 61-24: Transit Development Plan for
Anne Arundel County (2024)

Dear County Executive Pittman:

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) is a citizen advisory board created by §532 of the Anne Arundel County Charter. Under § 533 (b) of the Charter, the PAB shall make advisory recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Officer and the County Council relating to various matters including Master Plans.

The PAB met on March 13, 2024 and received a briefing on the draft of the Transit Development Plan for Anne Arundel County (TDP) from the Office of Transportation (OOT). The briefing summarized the Plan in the following parts:

- Background information on the planning process
- Current transit services offered in Anne Arundel County and conditions of those services
- Community involvement process, including a community survey, a rider survey, public comment period, and a public meeting
- Proposed short-term, mid-term, and long-term service improvements

After the staff presentation of the TDP, the PAB opened the public hearing. The Board recognized one member of the public to provide oral testimony. The PAB accepted written testimony from March 13 through March 26, 2024, during which two letters were submitted.

The PAB deliberated about the TDP during a public meeting on April 10, 2024. The PAB voted unanimously 6-0 to recommend that the TDP move forward to the County Council for review and adoption. The PAB recognizes the importance of public transit services to the quality of life in Anne Arundel County.

The PAB provided the following specific recommendations for revision to the Plan.

PAB Recommendations for the Transit Development Plan of Anne Arundel County

1. The PAB recommends the Population Density Map in Figure 4-1 be updated to have more contrasting colors and an adjusted scale that better matches the corresponding narrative on the relationship between population density of 2,000 people per square mile and sustaining fixed route transit.
2. The PAB encourages OOT to include the public comments submitted to the PAB as well as the department response to the comments in an appendix to the TDP.
3. The PAB recommends that statistics within the Plan that reflect or reference ridership be updated to reflect the most recent ridership data available.

The PAB appreciates the opportunity to provide you with its recommendations on the Plan.

If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact Michael Stringer in the Office of Planning and Zoning, PlanningAdvisoryBoard@aacounty.org.

Sincerely,



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