

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 182-2023

Introduced: November 6, 2023

Auditor: Rebecca Gold

Fiscal Impact:

This legislation does not have any direct fiscal impact, as it does not obligate the County to expend any resources. However, if this legislation were to fail, the County might lose ongoing operating grant funding and could be excluded from receiving additional discretionary grants from the State and Federal Transit Administrations, according to the Administrator of the Office of Transportation (the Administrator). The potential amount of lost grant funding is inestimable at this time.

The County's implementation of efforts identified by the Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) will be subject to the approval of appropriations in future operating budget cycles, which will be based on estimates at those times.

According to the Administrator, funding sources to support new efforts in FY 2025 may include State Operating Grants, Partner Funding, Rideshare Assessment Funding, and the General Fund's available fund balance.

Purpose:

Council Resolution 182-2023 proposes the County's endorsement of a five-year Transit Development Plan (the Plan), which includes recommendations from the RTA on implementing transit development objectives. This endorsement is needed to remain in compliance with Federal and State regulations on Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS).

Other Comments:

In addition to the required five-year Plan, longer-term transit concepts are included along with recommendations for connectivity to other jurisdictions, such as Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties.