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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Council Members, Anne Arundel County Council

**From:** Curran Ritter, Assistant County Attorney /s/

**Via:** Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

**Date:** June 13, 2024

**Subject:** Bill No. 61-24, Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan, A Bill  
Anne Arundel County's Transit Development Plan 2024  
Adopting

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### Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 61-24, a Bill that adopts the Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024.

#### Purpose.

The purpose of the Bill is to adopt the Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024.

#### Background.

The Office of Transportation administers Anne Arundel County Transit services that are operated through a contract with a private vendor. The Anne Arundel County Transit service is a Locally Operated Transit System ("LOTS") for the purposes of Federal and State funding and regulation. Services are funded by the Federal Transit Administration, local sources, and through state grant programs administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation- Maryland Transit Administration ("MDOT MTA"). MDOT MTA's LOTS Program Manual from 2017 (revised April 5, 2021) emphasizes the importance of each LOTS having a regularly updated Transit Development Plan ("TDP"). According to the MDOT MTA LOTS Manual, MDOT MTA "bases its program budgeting and grant application evaluation in large part on the

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recommendations of each LOTS' TDP. For example, all capital requests and increases in operating funds must be justified through the TDP or other planning process. Therefore, it is essential that local TDPs are updated every five years and that they reflect the projected needs, growth, and resources of the community on a five-year horizon." Office of Local Transit Support. *Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS) Program Manual*, Maryland: Maryland Transit Administration, 2-1, 2 (rev. ed. 2021).

Additionally, pursuant to § 18-2-103 of the Anne Arundel County Code, the General Development Plan for Anne Arundel County and "all current master plans, concept plans, preservation plans, and management plans adopted by the County Council" shall be used as a guide for "the future development of land in and location of public services and facilities by the County."

The Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024 assesses the current condition and future needs and improvements of the Anne Arundel County Transit System in light of Move Anne Arundel!, the Anne Arundel County Transportation Functional Master Plan, and data gathered during the development of the TDP.

**SECTION 1.** (uncodified) allows the Director of the Office of Transportation to amend the Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan in accordance with any amendments to Bill 61-24.

**SECTION 2.** (uncodified) allows the Director of the Office of Transportation to make non-substantive corrections as deemed appropriate to correct errors in the TDP, to publish the Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024, and to make non-substantive changes to the TDP to improve readability.

**SECTION 3.** (uncodified) adopts the Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024, replaces any previous TDPs, and requires that a copy of the Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024 be kept on file with the Administrative Officer of the County Council, the Office of Transportation, the Office of Planning and Zoning, and the Department of Public Works.

**SECTION 4.** (uncodified) provides that the bill takes effect 45 days after it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Thank you.

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