



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill - 731 - Purple Line Light Rail Project - Excess Property - Donation

SPONSOR: Delegates Washington, *et al.*

HEARING DATE: February 21, 2020

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

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POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill - 731 - Purple Line Light Rail Project - Excess Property - Donation**, which requires the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Purple Line Transit Partners, LLC, to donate any property acquired for the construction or operation of the Purple Line light rail project that is not used for the project to the governing body of the county in which the property is located.

The Purple Line is a 16.2-mile light rail line that will connect Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. In the process of constructing the Purple Line, 603 properties have been targeted for acquisition, including 466 privately owned properties and 137 public acquisitions.¹ If upon the completion of the Purple Line some of the acquired land is unused, the County could find a number of potential uses in the land, including additional reforestation and storm water management.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 731** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.

¹ PMOC Monitoring Report: National Capital Purple Line Light Rail Transit Project, February 2019, pg. 5, Accessed on Feb. 20, 2020, at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/foia/132536/mta-purple-line-monitoring-02-2019.pdf>