

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION:

To support the City's participation in the Maryland Transit Administration's Federal Railroad Administration FY 24-25 Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program grant to enhance the Rockville Station

WHEREAS, at its January 10, 2022, meeting, the Mayor and Council of Rockville ("Mayor and Council") adopted the Resolution approved the Climate Action Plan, which includes Action Item C-10, Work with WMATA, MDOT, and Montgomery County to maximize transit accessibility and ridership and enhance mobility options, and Action Item C-14, Expand active transportation and shared micro-mobility network by implementing improvements in the Bicycle Master Plan and Vision Zero Plan; and

WHEREAS, at is December 16, 2024, meeting, the Mayor and Council approved the Concept 1 Plan for the Rockville Station Design as proposed by the Washinton Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA") and its consultant team ("Concept 1 Plan"), which includes an enhanced pedestrian bridge as an optional feature, a train hall, and residential development on WMATA property; and

WHEREAS, at its January 27, 2025, meeting, the Mayor and Council approved the Rockville Town Center Master Plan, which includes the proposal to implement the Concept 1 Plan for the Rockville Station; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognizes the benefits of evaluating and implementing regional and intercity rail transit service improvements and ADA accessibility improvements to the Rockville Station as proposed by the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration ("MTA") and combining the two proposed grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to coordinate with MTA and WMATA to increase accessibility to the Rockville Town Center and the Rockville Station and to transform the Rockville Station into an iconic gateway and multimodal hub that connects the greater area, enhances the experience of downtown Rockville as a destination, and maximizes safety for commuters, visitors, and residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby support the City's participation in the Maryland Transit Administration's Federal Railroad Administration FY 24-25 Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program grant to enhance the Rockville Station and authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City to be included in the grant application.

I certify that the above is true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland at its meeting of December 15, 2025.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations