COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2019 Legislative Session

| Resolution No. | CR-33-2019 | |
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| Proposed by | Council Members Glaros and Turner | |
| Introduced by | | |
| Co-Sponsors | | |
| Date of Introduction | May 7, 2019 | |

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Major Public Private Partnership Agreements - Urging Additional Oversight For the purpose of urging the Board of Public Works to ensure that contracts with a total value that exceeds \$500 million, meet certain standards and benchmarks.

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council acknowledges the importance of attaining the County's transportation goals for its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the County Council Members and their constituents regularly meet to study the Prince George's County's transportation concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Executive and the Prince George's County Council submit the County's Priority Projects List for the State Consolidated Transportation Program to the Maryland Department of Transportation annually, which reflects the County's priorities regarding State highway construction projects, transit, project planning starts, safety improvements, system preservation and gateways projects; and

WHEREAS, The County Council recognizes that Public Private Partnerships (P3) have the potential and ability to bring positive benefit to the residents of Prince George's County and that the current Maryland P3 statute lacks sufficient safeguards to protect the state and our residents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hogan and the Maryland Department of Transportation are proposing a massive highway expansion plan with contracts that will last 50 years or more. It is imperative that we take the time to ensure that this project is thoroughly researched and properly executed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's

County, Maryland, That the County Council urges the Board of Public Works to ensure that contracts with a total value that exceeds \$500 million, meet certain standards and benchmarks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council urges the Board of Public Works to require an independent rating assessment survey to be completed prior to consideration of a public-private partnership agreement greater than \$500 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, That the County Council urges the Board of Public Works to require an Environmental Impact Statement that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) be completed prior to consideration of a public-private partnership agreement greater than \$500 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, That the County Council urges the Board of Public Works to obtain the express consent of the governments of the affected counties prior to consideration of a public-private partnership greater than \$500 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, That the Clerk shall forward a copy to the Governor, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, the County Executive of Prince George's County, the County Executive of Montgomery County, and the County Council Chair of Montgomery County.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Todd M. Turner Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd Clerk of the Council

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