

1 **An Act in Support of the Purple Line or Bi-County Transitway**

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- 5 1. WHEREAS, there is a strong need for better public transportation between
6 Montgomery County and Prince George’s County; and,
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- 8 2. WHEREAS, the Maryland Transit Administration is currently undergoing a
9 detailed study of a new transit line that would link Bethesda and New
10 Carrollton, with stops on or adjacent to campus; and,
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- 12 3. WHEREAS, other student organizations, including the Graduate Student
13 Government and Off Campus Student Association have already pledged
14 support for the Purple Line; and,
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- 16 4. WHEREAS, similar transit systems using light rail technology have been
17 been successful in dozens of U.S. cities including Dallas, St. Louis, Salt
18 Lake City, and many others; and,
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- 20 5. WHEREAS, College Park is the largest job center in Prince George’s County
21 and has high ridership potential; and,
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- 23 6. WHEREAS, the Purple Line would reduce traffic on and around campus, and
24 make the University of Maryland more pedestrian friendly; and,
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- 26 7. WHEREAS, the Purple Line accommodates and encourages investment in the
27 University’s East Campus Redevelopment Initiative, and would help make
28 East Campus a thriving downtown center; and,
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- 30 8. WHEREAS, the University administration, the College Park City Council, the
31 majority of Prince George’s County Council, and many other local leaders
32 have declared their support for the Purple Line.
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- 34 9. THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Government
35 Association urges the Maryland Transit Authority, Governor Martin O’Malley,
36 and the Maryland General Assembly to fully fund and accelerate the required
37 studies and construction of the Purple Line; and,
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- 39 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SGA will work closely with local and
40 state officials as a part of the decision making process regarding the creation
41 of the College Park stop on the Purple Line to ensure it is in the best interest
42 of University of Maryland students.
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