A Resolution to Encourage DOTS and MTA to Negotiate UMD-Subsidized Purple Line Access for the
UMD Community

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students at the
University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), and

WHEREAS the RHA has priority influence in regards to issues within the University of Maryland, College Park
Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and

WHEREAS the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), with the approval of Maryland Governor Martin
O'Malley, plans to construct the Purple Line, a “16-mile east-west Light Rail Transit (LRT) line extending inside
the Capital Beltway from New Carrollton in Prince George's County to Bethesda in Montgomery County,” and

WHEREAS the Purple Line project is in the “Preliminary Engineering/Final Environmental Impact Statement”
phase, in which “the MTA will also continue to work to address and mitigate concerns and issues raised by
communities and citizens throughout the study process,” and

WHEREAS the Purple Line is planned to pass through the UMD campus along Campus Drive and will connect
UMD to the College Park-U of Md., Silver Spring, and New Carrollton Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
Authority (WMATA) Metro stations, and

WHEREAS DOTS currently provides the UMD campus community transportation services subsidized by UMD
to the aforementioned Metro stations through the 104 (College Park-U of Md. station), 111 (Silver Spring
station), and 126 (New Carrollton station) Shuttle UM Lines, and

WHEREAS DOTS has indicated a need to consolidate overlapping and redundant transportation services to and
from UMD, and

WHEREAS TAC has concluded, therefore, that DOTS will most likely eliminate the 104, 111, and 126 Shuttle
UM lines once the Purple Line is constructed, and

WHEREAS the elimination of these lines will force students to use the Purple Line to access College Park-U of
Md., Silver Spring, and New Carrollton Metro stations on a pay per-use for this service, and

WHEREAS on-campus residents have expressed opposition to transportation services requiring them to pay per-use,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that TAC recommends that DOTS initiate negotiations with the MTA
regarding the possibility that UMD subsidize Purple Line access for students, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOTS report to TAC on the success of these negotiations
and present it with viable options for the accomplishment of their goal, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that TAC and the RHA continue to evaluate the Purple Line’s
effect on on-campus residents and continue to work with DOTS to ensure that it adequately benefits the UMD
community.

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