A Resolution to Encourage Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation to Expand the Route 1 Ride’s Service to the Center of the UMD Campus

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 Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) operates the Route 1 Ride, also known as TheBus Route 17, “an enhanced bus service that serves the Route 1 Corridor, from Mount Rainier to North College Park,” and

WHEREAS the Route 1 Ride currently does not stop at the center of the UMD campus, and

WHEREAS DOTS subsidizes the riding cost for UMD students, faculty, and staff for all TheBus routes, including the Route 1 Ride, and

WHEREAS DOTS currently does not provide transportation services south of East-West Highway (MD 410) into Hyattsville, North Brentwood, Brentwood, and Mount Rainier, destinations which are serviced by the Route 1 Ride, and

WHEREAS recent renovations and the opening of new businesses, particularly within the Gateway Arts District such as Arts District Hyattsville, Busboys & Poets Restaurant, and Franklin’s Restaurant, General Store & Brewery, have made these destinations attractive to on-campus residents, and

WHEREAS on-campus residents have expressed a strong desire for transportation services to and from these destinations, and

WHEREAS expanding the Route 1 Ride’s service to the center of the UMD campus will undoubtedly improve ridership by drawing more on-campus residents and by connecting the UMD campus with other popular destinations in Prince George’s County,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA encourages the Prince George’s County DPW&T to expand the Route 1 Ride’s service to the center of the UMD Campus, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the RHA President contact the Prince George’s County DPW&T and inform its Director, Haitham A. Hijazi, of on-campus residents’ desire for expanded Route 1 Ride service, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that DOTS and the RHA continue to look for ways to improve and enhance transportation services to and from the UMD campus.

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