

Introduced by: Councilmember Kostiuk

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2020-2

BUS SHELTER PLAN AND PRIORITIZATION

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2019-15, Council resolved to “consider opportunities for reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions in the transportation sector through local initiatives and collaboration region-wide,” and transportation contributes 46% of GHG emissions in Takoma Park, according to the City’s Green House Gas Inventory (2017); and

WHEREAS, research shows that improving public transit amenities by installing bus shelters results in increased ridership due to factors of comfort, convenience and safety; and

WHEREAS, increased use of public transit would reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road, thereby reducing GHG in the City; and

WHEREAS, Council is committed to considering their work through a racial equity lens, and bus riders in the region are disproportionately people of color; and

WHEREAS, the City staff has identified the need to make improvements to bus stops as a means of enhancing alternative transportation options, and highlighting bus shelters as an infrastructure improvement to help address broader Council goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Council seeks to install more bus shelters throughout the City. Council directs staff to move forward on installation of bus shelters throughout the City as funds and staff time permit, with the following criteria: ridership (30 or more boarding per day), racial equity, climate impact, cost and safety.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk