



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

HB 106

**State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations –
Magnetic Levitation Transportation**

POSITION:

SUPPORT

Prince George's County supports HB 106. This bill prohibits the State or any unit of the State from using any appropriations for a magnetic levitation (Maglev) transportation system located or to be located in Maryland. The bill does not apply to expenditures for the salaries assigned to personnel assigned to review permits for MAGLEV. At this time, the MAGLEV project is on hold as the federal government has paused its work for an Environmental Impact Statement on the project. There is no timeline for when work will resume.

The County Council supports the position to prohibit any state funding for the building of MAGLEV in the state of Maryland. Many of the county residents are concerned that the proposed MAGLEV route will potentially have a serious environmental impact on our county with unknown consequences for years to come. MAGLEV, as currently proposed, passes through but does not stop in Prince George's County. The County and its residents would not only bear the burden of the environmental impact, they would also be unable to benefit from this service. The County Council supports HB106 as well as transportation projects that would benefit the county and its residents such as the Blue Line Corridor and the completion of the Purple Line.

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