

## **Resolution 2012-R-5**

### **Opposing MARC Scheduling Change That Downgrades Service at the Riverdale MTA Stop**

Introduced by: CM Jonathan Ebbeler

Date Introduced: 26 March 2012

Date Adopted: March 26, 2012

Date Effective: March 26, 2012

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WHEREAS, the new MARC schedule for the Camden line denotes that trains “may leave 5 minutes early” slated to go into effect April 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a petition of MARC riders has been undertaken which overwhelmingly supports the removal of the ‘L’ designation on the Riverdale MARC stop; and

WHEREAS, a clause that provides for discretion on what time a train will depart is antithetical to the very idea of a timetable; and

WHEREAS, MTA did not allow for community input in regards to the schedule change prior to the publication of the new schedule; and

WHEREAS, it’s entirely unclear as to how the new ‘L’ designation on the Riverdale station would assist in MTA’s stated goal of “providing a more reliable service to all of our passengers”; and

WHEREAS, any passenger who wishes to board a MARC train with the ‘L’ designation must arrive at the station at a time no later than 5 minutes earlier than the actual published timetable departure to guarantee they will be able to board; and

WHEREAS, this amount of uncertainty and inconvenience to riders at the Riverdale MARC station due to the ‘flexible’ departure time is completely antithetical to the stated MTA goal of providing a more reliable service; and

WHEREAS, ridership at the Riverdale MARC station has increased steadfastly year-to year; and

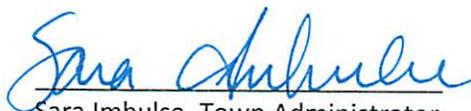
WHEREAS, ridership is projected to increase substantially in the upcoming years as mixed-use development projects are delivered; and

WHEREAS, the uncertainty and inconvenience proposed by Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) will discourage, not encourage the use of mass transit options;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor be directed to write a letter to MTA with a copy of the petition attached illustrating the Town of Riverdale Park’s strong opposition to the ‘L’ designation and downgrade of service on the Camden MARC line.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIVERDALE PARK

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Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vernon Archer", written over a horizontal line.

Vernon Archer, Mayor