WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement tonight in opposition to an amendment that cuts $150 million available for grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The amendment failed 160-243:

“I’m pleased the House rejected this amendment today and will preserve federal matching funds of $150 million for capital improvements to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This funding is critical to making essential safety improvements and improving reliability for the millions of Americans who utilize our transit system each year. I will continue to work with the Washington Metro area delegation to fulfill the Federal government’s commitment to WMATA and help ensure safe and reliable service for our community and all who visit it.”