



## RESOLUTION

**SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Jay Fisetto on the Occasion of His Service as Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2016

**WHEREAS:** The Honorable Jay Fisetto was elected Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) for 2016;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Fisetto was first elected to the Arlington County Board in 1998, serving as Chair in 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2014; he joined NVTC as a Commissioner in 1999, serving as Chair in 2012;

**WHEREAS:** NVTC serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network through effective and efficient public transit and ridesharing programs to foster economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Fisetto has represented NVTC and Arlington County on many regional bodies, including the Regional Emergency Preparedness Council, Virginia Municipal League, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Fisetto has been an advocate of balanced transit investments in the region, transportation infrastructure enhancements, emergency preparedness, economic development, improved transit service, and pedestrian-friendly initiatives;

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Fisetto led NVTC during its 52<sup>nd</sup> year of operations and, as Chairman, saw the region through many milestones, including approval and funding of the initial 10 projects under Transform 66 Multimodal, a competitive grant program designed to move more people more reliably through the I-66 corridor; adoption of a resolution calling for an annual transit payment to support multimodal improvements in the I-95/I-395 corridor that resulted in a pledge by the Commonwealth to allocate \$15 million annually to transit in the corridor; and endorsement of NVTC's Envision Route 7 study, which recommended bus rapid transit to provide greater reliability and reduced travel time for an 11-mile route between Spring Hill Metrorail Station in Tysons and Mark Center in Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS:** During his tenure as Chairman, Mr. Fisetto oversaw NVTC's immediate response to WMATA's SafeTrack maintenance effort, which allowed local transit providers to rapidly deploy alternatives to Metrorail; adoption of a Regional Bus Agenda that will improve the quality, accessibility, efficiency, safety, and financial performance of Northern Virginia's bus systems; development of emergency response plans for Northern Virginia's Metrorail stations to ensure the safe evacuation of passengers in times of crisis; technical analysis of a regional farebox solution to make certain that the interests of Northern Virginia transit systems and riders are considered; maintenance of NVTC's high standards of financial management and stewardship of public dollars; and continued strengthening of NVTC's management capacity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission commends the Honorable Jay Fisetto for his leadership of NVTC for 2016 and his service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Fisetto as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his leadership and work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Fisetto', is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman