

## **RESOLUTION**

**SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay on the Occasion of His Service as Chairman of

the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2017

WHEREAS: The Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay was elected Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation

Commission (NVTC) for 2017;

WHEREAS: Supervisor McKay was first elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2007.

representing the Lee District;

WHEREAS: Supervisor McKay has served as a Commissioner on the Northern Virginia Transportation

Commission since March 2008 and as chair in 2013 and 2017;

WHEREAS: NVTC serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit

network through effective and efficient bus and rail systems and ridesharing programs to foster

economic vitality in the Region and the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS: Supervisor McKay has been an advocate of balanced transit investments in the region,

emphasizing transportation infrastructure enhancements, economic development, improved

transit service, and pedestrian-friendly initiatives;

**WHEREAS:** Supervisor McKay led NVTC during its 53<sup>rd</sup> year of operations and, as chairman, saw the region

through many milestones, including implementation of the first 10 projects funded through the I-66 Commuter Choice Program; approval of a 70-year agreement with the Commonwealth for the I-395 Express Lanes Multimodal Program; and adoption of two NVTC resolutions articulating

NVTC's priorities and principles for WMATA governance and reform;

WHEREAS: Supervisor McKay elevated NVTC's role as the voice of transit in Northern Virginia through

active engagement with local and regional media outlets on issues of transit ridership, the I-66 Commuter Choice program, commuter tax benefits, WMATA reforms, and the value of transit; and led ongoing collaboration and communication with elected officials, business leaders, and

industry groups on transit issues affecting Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS: Supervisor McKay helped solidify NVTC's place as the source for regional transit analysis

through the release of a first-of-its-kind study quantifying the value of Metrorail and VRE to the Commonwealth's general fund, publication of NVTC's Regional Bus Analysis identifying opportunities for regional bus coordination in Northern Virginia, presentation of the first in-depth analysis of Virginia's Metrorail ridership characteristics, and the launch of NVTC's T-BEST

transit service optimization planning tool for use by NVTC's transit providers; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure as Chairman, Supervisor McKay also oversaw NVTC's coordination of

Northern Virginia's response to WMATA's SafeTrack surge, initiation of region-wide bus farebox upgrades, conducting of federal transit data reporting training, completion of Metrorail station

emergency plan updates, and exploration of new transit fare technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission commends the

Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay for his leadership of NVTC for 2017 and his service to the citizens

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of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Supervisor McKay as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation of his leadership and work on the

Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 4th day of January 2018.

Paul C. Smedberg, Chairman