



## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

**SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Mary Hynes on Her 30 Years of Dedicated Service

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (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:** The Honorable Mary Hynes has dedicated 30 years of work on public policy and transportation issues at the county, regional and statewide levels during her tenure on the Arlington County Board (2007-2015), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (2008-2015), Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors (2011-2015), Virginia Transit Association Board of Directors (2012-2015), Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (2014-2024), Commonwealth Transportation Board (2016-2024) and other important bodies;

**WHEREAS:** The Honorable Mary Hynes served with distinction as a member of NVTC from 2008 through 2015, working to advance transit in the region; holding WMATA accountable for providing fiscally sound, reliable and safe service; understanding the importance of data – its analysis and visualization; and being a consistent voice for creating and protecting dedicated transitways to better connect the entire region;

**WHEREAS:** As a member of the Arlington County Board, Ms. Hynes was recognized for her strong support for ART-Arlington Transit, resulting in enhanced transit options in the county;

**WHEREAS:** In 2013, Ms. Hynes was awarded the Elizabeth and David Scull Award for Regional Leadership, for being “a champion for connecting development and affordable housing to sound transportation planning;”

**WHEREAS:** In the decade or so since her departure from the local and regional bodies, Ms. Hynes continued to advocate for Northern Virginia’s interests on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, where she was a strong champion for public transit and for mobility in Northern Virginia and was instrumental in the development and shaping of the SMART SCALE program as well as providing key input to ensure fair treatment of public transit investments at the state level during several rounds of the VTRANS statewide long-range transportation plan;

**WHEREAS:** Leveraging her years at NVTC and the WMATA Board of Directors, Ms. Hynes provided thoughtful insights and context to educate CTB Board members on WMATA issues and the launch of NVTC’s Commuter Choice program, helping to educate and advocate for the use of toll revenues to provide alternative transportation options to those traveling on the I-66 and I-395/95 corridors; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2024, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission proudly nominated Mary Hynes to receive the Virginia Transit Association's Joe Alexander Distinguished Public Official Leadership Award, recognizing her 30 years of work on public policy and transportation issues at the county, regional and statewide levels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Mary Hynes for her 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 Ms. Hynes as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for her leadership and work in in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt de Ferranti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Matt de Ferranti  
Chair