



RESOLUTION #2262

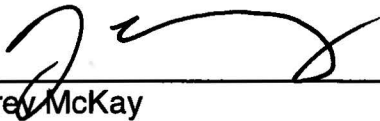
- SUBJECT:** Authorization to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for funding to support New Electronic Payments Program (NEPP) related costs.
- WHEREAS:** WMATA has selected Accenture as their contractor for the New Electronic Payments Program (NEPP), a fare collection system that will eventually replace the SmarTrip system;
- WHEREAS:** WMATA has no financial obligation to Accenture until the initial NEPP Pilot/Proof of Concept phase is successfully completed, upon which WMATA will move forward and further develop the details of the program;
- WHEREAS:** The Regional Partners, which include NVTC and its member jurisdictions (with the exception of Falls Church) as well as the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and both NVTC and PRTC as owners of the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) understand and appreciate the need for a regionally integrated fare payment system;
- WHEREAS:** The Regional Partners have entered into an Memorandum of Agreement, dated May 14, 2014, which demonstrates their joint commitment to the development, testing, funding and implementation of the WMATA NEPP system;
- WHEREAS:** The Regional Partners, through NVTC, are responsible for defining and negotiating their own contract with Accenture or another potential vendor;
- WHEREAS:** Following a successful NEPP pilot and the further definition of key program details by WMATA, the Regional Partners will need to enter into a contract for the further development of their needs assessment, functional and technical requirements and plans for deployment;
- WHEREAS:** NVTC is eligible to apply for, receive and manage state transit grants and as a service to its Member Jurisdictions, can also apply for, receive and manage state grants on behalf of those members;
- WHEREAS:** A grant for technical assistance would support the Regional Partners as they enter into a contract with a vendor to further develop their needs assessment, functional and technical requirements and plans for deployment, in preparation for the regional implementation of the NEPP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizes its Executive Director to apply to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for technical assistance funding and complete all required applications for a grant of \$886,315.00 (50% state grant funds, 50% local match) for technical assistance activities in preparation for the regional implementation of NEPP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes its Executive Director as trustee of state transit assistance received on behalf of the NVTC jurisdictions, to use funding from accounts of those Regional Partners who have member accounts at NVTC, and/or from future receipts of such funds before allocation to those Regional Partners to pay any and all expenses associated with this state grant, after first informing the Northern Virginia NEPP partners and providing appropriate documentation of the expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after applying for the DRPT grant and prior to entering into a contract utilizing any of the funds, the Executive Director shall obtain from the NVTC member jurisdictions, PRTC and VRE a signed amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement.

Approved this 7th day of January, 2015.



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Secretary-Treasurer


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Chairman