

RESOLUTION #2266

- **SUBJECT:** Authorization to Apply for FY2016 Capital Assistance from DRPT for Funding to Support Costs Related to the New Electronic Payments Program (NEPP)
- WHEREAS: WMATA has selected Accenture as their contractor for the New Electronic Payments Program (NEPP), a new regional 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 a Memorandum of Agreement, dated May 14, 2014, which demonstrates their joint commitment to the development, testing, funding and implementation of a regionally integrated fare payment system;
- WHEREAS: Following a successful NEPP pilot and the further definition of key program details by WMATA, the Regional Partners, through NVTC, will be responsible for defining and negotiating their own contract with Accenture, or another potential vendor;
- 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; and
- **WHEREAS:** A grant for capital assistance would support the Regional Partners as they continue to work toward the development and implementation of a new regionally integrated fare payment system.

- 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), with NVTC as grantee, for capital assistance funding and complete all required applications for a grant of \$2,413,700 (Tier I) for capital costs associated with a new regionally integrated fare payment system.
- **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 fifth day of February 2015.

Jeffrey McKay Secretary-Treasurer

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Chairman