



## RESOLUTION #2311

**SUBJECT: Support of the Envision Route 7 Selected Alternative**

**WHEREAS:** In November 2014 NVTC began Phase II of the Envision Route 7 study to determine possible modes and feasibility of high quality transit along Route 7 from Tysons to Alexandria;

**WHEREAS:** The Envision Route 7 Phase II study evaluated the two modes that were recommended for further study from Phase I – Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), as well as the impact of a diversion to East Falls Church Metro Station and the impacts of terminating at Mark Center versus King Street Metro Station;

**WHEREAS:** The Envision Route 7 Phase II study concluded that BRT is the best mode for the corridor based on evaluating effectiveness measures and forecasted demand;

**WHEREAS:** The Envision Route 7 Phase II study concluded that diverting to the East Falls Church Metro Station significantly increases ridership;

**WHEREAS:** The Envision Route 7 Phase II study concluded that terminating at Mark Center is beneficial for the southern end of the corridor because it serves the residents of Alexandria better and provides additional network connections including integration into the West End Transitway; and

**WHEREAS:** The Envision Route 7 Phase II study conclusions have been presented to the public through a series of informational meetings throughout the corridor and have been received positively.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission supports the findings of the study as well as the importance of continuing to further study a high quality transit option in the Route 7 corridor in close coordination with the member jurisdictional agencies.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

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