



## RESOLUTION #2389

**SUBJECT:** NVTC Support for Legislation to Provide Federal Dedicated Funding for WMATA Capital Needs

**WHEREAS:** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is essential to Northern Virginia's transportation network and the continued economic growth of the national capital region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** WMATA is also critical to the daily operation of the federal government;

**WHEREAS:** Funding for WMATA is part of a federal-state partnership between the federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia, State of Maryland and the District of Columbia;

**WHEREAS:** In 2018 the Commonwealth of Virginia, State of Maryland and the District of Columbia came together to pass historic legislation to establish dedicated funding for capital improvements at \$500 million a year demonstrating the local jurisdictions' commitment to make needed improvements to repair the system's aging infrastructure;

**WHEREAS:** The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) authorizing \$1.5 billion over a ten-year-period in dedicated federal funding for WMATA is set to expire in September 2019;

**WHEREAS:** Both chambers of Congress have introduced legislation to reauthorize federal dedicated capital funding for WMATA and provide additional funding for operating expenses contingent upon governance, safety and operational reforms; and

**WHEREAS:** Without dedicated funding, the system would lose the necessary funding needed meet safety needs, move federal employees and support jobs and private investment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby urges Congress to continue its investment in WMATA and pass legislation to reauthorize dedicated federal funding.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

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