

## **RESOLUTION #2472**

- **SUBJECT:** Approve the FY 2023 State Transit Assistance Application to DRPT for a Northern Virginia Regional Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan
- WHEREAS: At the request of Commissioners, NVTC seeks to prepare a Northern Virginia Regional Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan to assist Northern Virginia transit providers in assessing and implementing zero-emission bus (ZEB) programs, along with associated technology and infrastructure;
- WHEREAS: In 2021, NVTC held a Zero-Emission Bus Symposium and a Commissioner Roundtable. Both events were enthusiastically received and built on the existing agency interest in developing regional capacity in ZEB;
- **WHEREAS:** Employing strategic analysis at the regional level will allow transit agencies to achieve economies of scale and realize the benefits of ZEBs. Regional coordination and investing in compatible infrastructure are key elements of ZEB planning; and
- WHEREAS: Realizing regional and agency goals requires careful strategic planning and a feasible long-term deployment strategy, and technical support and advanced tools are required for making planning and procurement decisions both at the regional and individual transit agency level.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC:
  - 1) To file an application with DRPT under the Technical Assistance Program for FY 2023 in the amount of \$480,000, with state funds anticipated at 50%;
  - 2) To accept from DRPT and execute the grant in such amount as may be awarded;
  - 3) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request; and
  - 4) To enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NVTC jurisdictions to secure the required local match.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC certifies that the funds for all of the above grant will be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1 638.A.4 of the <u>Code of</u> <u>Virginia</u>, that NVTC will provide matching funds in the ratio required by the Act, that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted to NVTC may be subject to audit by DRPT and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that funds granted to NVTC for defraying the public transportation expenses of NVTC shall be used only for such purposes as authorized in the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and its members, to furnish to the Transportation Planning Board, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and other state and federal funding agencies such documents, information, assurances and certifications as may be required for pursuing the above grant requests and continuing previously awarded grants.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, to amend the above-described applications at the request of NVTC's member jurisdictions to include the most recent information and project costs.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2022.

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