



**RESOLUTION #2487**

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Commuter Choice Technical Evaluation Process Changes

**WHEREAS:** The Third Amended and Restated Memorandum of Agreement – Transform66: Inside The Beltway Project (“I-66 MOA”) and the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Annual Transit Investment from the 395 HOT Lanes (“I-395/95 MOA”) require that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and, on the I-395/95 corridor, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) develop and maintain criteria for project selection;

**WHEREAS:** The current Commuter Choice technical evaluation process was approved in 2019 and includes Technical Merit (70 points), Annualized Cost Effectiveness (15), Applicant Preference (10) and Interagency Collaboration (5) criteria;

**WHEREAS:** The Commissions (NVTC and PRTC) wish to emphasize the measurable elements of the evaluation process which assess projects’ ability to support the corridor improvement goals identified in the MOAs;

**WHEREAS:** The current technical evaluation process includes the Accessibility sub-criterion within Technical Merit which evaluates a project’s ability to link regional activity centers; and

**WHEREAS:** The Commissions wish to add equity considerations into the evaluation process in a straightforward way by adding Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ designated Equity Emphasis Areas to the regional activity centers currently used in evaluation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby approves two technical evaluation process changes to the Commuter Choice program in both the I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95 corridors: 1) removing the Interagency Collaboration criterion and redistributing points to Technical Merit (75), Annualized Cost Effectiveness (20) and Applicant Preference (5) and 2) adding Equity Emphasis Areas to the list of regional activity centers within the Accessibility sub-criterion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that approval of these changes in relation to the I-395/95 corridor program is contingent upon PRTC’s approval of a comparable resolution.

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

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Matt de Ferranti  
Secretary-Treasurer

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