

## **RESOLUTION #2530**

- SUBJECT: Accept the Northern Virginia Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan
- WHEREAS: The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network through effective and efficient public transit and ridesharing programs to foster economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;
- WHEREAS: Transportation is a major source of pollution and a leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions;
- **WHEREAS:** NVTC jurisdictions are taking actionable steps to fight climate change and transit is an important tool to fight climate change;
- **WHEREAS:** Regional coordination and collaboration, which is central to NVTC's mission, is integral to ensuring a cost-effective and interoperable zero-emission transit network;
- WHEREAS: Northern Virginia transit agencies in the NVTC and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) district have begun planning for a transition to zero-emission vehicles;
- WHEREAS: There is unprecedented federal funding available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for zeroemission transit investments; and
- **WHEREAS:** Zero-emission technologies are rapidly evolving and require new ways of thinking about transit service and operations.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby accepts the Northern Virginia Zero-Emission Bus Strategic Plan.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC hereby supports staff's ongoing efforts to ensure a collaborative, thoughtful and deliberate approach to implementing the Strategic Plan while supporting the ZEB transition efforts of our local transit systems.

Approved this 4th day of January 2024.

Matt de Ferranti Chair

Secretary-Treasurer