



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable Canek Aguirre for His Service as Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2022

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: The Honorable Canek Aguirre was elected chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2022;

WHEREAS: Mr. Aguirre has been an advocate for equity in all aspects of transit, including zero and reduced fare initiatives that benefits those most in need, multi-lingual community outreach and marketing, and transit-oriented economic development in Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS: In 2022, Mr. Aguirre led NVTC during its 58th year of operations and, as chair, he engaged with the NVTC WMATA Committee, local jurisdictional leaders and regional stakeholders to develop the 5th *Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA*;

WHEREAS: Mr. Aguirre supported the Program Advisory Committee's recommendation to award over \$15 million in Commuter Choice funding for seven multi-modal projects that will benefit toll-payers and commuters along the I-66 corridor;

WHEREAS: Mr. Aguirre championed NVTC's efforts to coordinate effective transit options for riders while several Yellow and Blue Line Metrorail stations were closed to integrate the new Potomac Yard Metrorail Station and major rehabilitation work on the Yellow Line Bridge;

WHEREAS: Mr. Aguirre advocated for NVTC's ongoing work to bring Bus Rapid Transit service to the Route 7 corridor, connecting riders to the Silver and Orange Lines, the City of Alexandria's West End Transitway and Arlington County's high-capacity transit service along Columbia Pike.

WHEREAS: Mr. Aguirre oversaw the launch of NVTC's NoVaTransit Data Dashboard, an interactive tool to share and explore significant amounts of transit data in a user-friendly way; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Aguirre supported the Commission's efforts to develop the Northern Virginia Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Strategic Plan, a regional effort to ensure collaboration on ZEB policy and implementation while enabling the region to leverage Federal ZEB funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Canek Aguirre for his leadership as chair of NVTC for 2022 and his service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Aguirre as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his leadership and work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 5th day of January 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dalia Palchik".

Dalia Palchik
Chair