



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable Elizabeth Bennett-Parker on Her Departure from NVTC

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 Elizabeth Bennett-Parker was first elected to the Alexandria City Council as Vice-Mayor in November 2018 and is the youngest woman elected to the Council in Alexandria's history;

WHEREAS: Ms. Bennett-Parker was appointed to NVTC in January 2019;

WHEREAS: Ms. Bennett-Parker has represented NVTC and the City of Alexandria on several regional bodies including the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board, the Virginia Transit Association and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission;

WHEREAS: In 2021 Ms. Bennett-Parker championed for legislative changes to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, which has broadened the ability of elected officials to participate electronically in public meetings; and

WHEREAS: In 2021 during a challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Bennett-Parker served as Chair of the VRE Operations Board and under her leadership VRE continued to provide safe and frequent service for its riders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby congratulates the Honorable Elizabeth Bennett-Parker on her election to the Virginia House of Delegates and looks forward to continuing to work with her in her new role to advance transit for the citizens of Northern Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC hereby commends the Honorable Elizabeth Bennett-Parker for her 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 Ms. Bennett-Parker as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for her work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 6th day of January 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CA", is written above a horizontal line.

Canek Aguirre
Chair