



RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable Paul Smedberg on the Occasion of His Service as Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2018

WHEREAS: The Honorable Paul Smedberg was elected Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) for 2018;

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg was first elected to the Alexandria City Council in 2003 and he joined NVTC as a Commissioner in 2006, serving as Chairman in 2014 and 2018;

WHEREAS: 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: Mr. Smedberg has represented NVTC and the City of Alexandria on many regional bodies, including the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission;

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg was appointed to the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board since 2007, was the first and only board member from the City of Alexandria and served as Chairman in 2013 and 2017;

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg has served as an Alternate Director on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors since 2016;

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg has been an advocate of balanced transit investments in the region, transportation infrastructure enhancements, emergency preparedness, economic development, improved transit service, and pedestrian-friendly initiatives;

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg led NVTC during its 54th year of operations and, as Chairman, saw the region through many milestones, including the enactment of dedicated funding for WMATA and VRE, establishment of a floor on the regional gas tax, elevation of NVTC's role and responsibilities in its stewardship of WMATA, increased funding of transit through the I-66 Commuter Choice Program, signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia to administer a transit-funding program in the I-395/I-95 corridor, and selection of transit-rich National Landing as the new home of Amazon's second headquarters;

WHEREAS: During his tenure as Chairman, Mr. Smedberg responded to legislative mandates by convening Commissioners and staff in order to work through changes to NVTC's governance structure, approach to appointing members of the WMATA Board of Directors, and staffing levels to support the new requirements; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Smedberg supported enhanced outreach through NVTC's issuance of new reports and publications; events, such as Mobile Ticketing Industry Day and the annual Legislative Briefing; and a new planning tool to assist transit agencies in estimating and analyzing potential ridership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission commends the Honorable Paul Smedberg for his leadership of NVTC for 2018 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. Smedberg 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 3rd day of January 2019.


Chairman