



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

- SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Dalia Palchik for Her Service as Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2023
- 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 Dalia Palchik was elected chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for 2023;
- WHEREAS:** Ms. Palchik 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 2023, Ms. Palchik led NVTC during its 59th year of operations and, as chair, engaged with the NVTC WMATA Committee, local jurisdictional leaders and regional stakeholders to develop the 6th *Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA*, with near-term recommendations to stabilize WMATA and sustain its ridership recovery over the next few years and avoid devastating service cuts, as well as to offer a framework to develop longer-term funding and reform solutions;
- WHEREAS:** Ms. Palchik championed the Commuter Choice program, which set records in 2023 with the highest level of public outreach and engagement in Spanish and English, supporting five million trips on the I-66 and I-395 corridors, saving travel time, fuel costs and reducing emissions;
- WHEREAS:** Ms. Palchik championed NVTC's efforts to coordinate effective transit options for riders while WMATA rebuilt portions of the Yellow and Orange Lines, which led to the celebration of the long-awaited opening of the Potomac Yard-VT Metro Station, serving a fast-growing part of Alexandria and solidifying the National Landing corridor as a place to live and work, all connected by robust Metro, Virginia Railway Express and bus routes;
- WHEREAS:** Ms. Palchik supported NVTC's ongoing work to bring Bus Rapid Transit service to the Route 7 corridor; NVTC's study on how infrastructure improvements could move buses faster and how amenities at bus stops have improved over time; and NVTC's launch of a Regional Zero-Emission Strategic Plan to identify challenges and opportunities in transitioning local bus fleets away from fossil fuels;
- WHEREAS:** Ms. Palchik oversaw the release of NVTC's key study examining the Value of Northern Virginia Transit, finding that the Commonwealth of Virginia receives \$1.5 billion in annual tax revenue as a direct result of the region's vast transit network; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Palchik advocated for NVTC's fourth regional marketing campaign, supporting the opening of the Potomac Yard-VT Station and the reopening of the Yellow Line Bridge/Tunnel, to rebrand the NoVaRides.org English and Spanish webpage and dramatically expand advertising to engage wider audiences including minority and Spanish-speaking communities; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Palchik supported NVTC's ongoing management of vital local, regional, Commonwealth and federal funds, including another clean audit that reflects both NVTC's impeccable financial record and the dedication of NVTC's professional financial team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Dalia Palchik for her leadership as chair of NVTC for 2023 and 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. Palchik as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for her leadership and work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 4th day of January 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matt de Ferranti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" and last name "de Ferranti" clearly distinguishable.

Matt de Ferranti
Chair