

## **RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

- **SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Jeffrey McKay on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- **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: Mr. McKay has served on NVTC since 2008 during his tenure as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors representing the Franconia District from 2007 and then as Fairfax County Board Chair beginning in 2019;
- WHEREAS: Mr. McKay served as NVTC chair in 2013 and 2017;
- **WHEREAS:** Mr. McKay served on the WMATA Board of Directors from 2008-2012 and most recently served as an alternate on the VRE Operations Board;
- WHEREAS: Mr. McKay has been an advocate for safe, reliable transit for the entire Washington metropolitan region; long-term, sustainable funding for transit; a truly multi-modal transportation network, economic growth and development, improved transit service, regional collaboration, and transportation equity;
- WHEREAS: Mr. McKay understands the positive benefit transit has on the environment and reaching regional greenhouse gas reduction goals; supported local and regional efforts to transition to zero-/low-emission bus fleets; championed a major expansion to Metrorail in Virginia with the opening of Sliver Line Phases 1 and 2; and advocated for multimodal transportation opportunities that improve regional connectivity for all residents and transit users;
- WHEREAS: Mr. McKay has been a champion of 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: Mr. McKay has continued to support WMATA and VRE as they managed pandemic-related budget and ridership challenges; built upon the collaboration and consensus-building for which NVTC is known; and advocated for high-quality, high-capacity transit in Northern Virginia.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Jeffrey McKay for 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 the Honorable Jeffrey McKay as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for his work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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Matt de Ferranti Chair