



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable John J. Bell 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: The Honorable John J. Bell was appointed to NVTC in June 2020;

WHEREAS: The Honorable John J. Bell took office in the Virginia Senate in 2020, representing the previous 13th District, which includes parts of Loudoun and Prince William Counties;

WHEREAS: Prior to the Senate, Mr. Bell served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2015 through 2019 representing the eastern portion of Loudoun County;

WHEREAS: In March 2023, Senator Bell announced that he would not seek reelection; and

WHEREAS: During the 2020 General Assembly Session, Senator Bell voted for the landmark transportation bill (HB 1414) which modernized transportation and transit funding by:

- Ensuring the Commonwealth's transportation fund remains solvent;
- Increasing the Commonwealth's investment in transit, including WMATA;
- Increasing funds for local transportation projects and improvements across the Commonwealth;
- Establishing the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, which will manage the Commonwealth's \$3.7 Billion Transforming Rail in Virginia Program over the next decade; and
- Laying the groundwork for construction of a new Long Bridge which will provide dedicated tracks for VRE and Amtrak to connect Virginia to DC by rail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable John J. Bell 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 John J. Bell 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 7th day of December 2023.

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

Dalia Palchik
Chair