

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

- SUBJECT: Commending the Honorable Richard "Rip" Sullivan on His 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 Richard Sullivan was appointed to NVTC in May 2020 and served on the Commission until February 2022;
- **WHEREAS:** The Honorable Richard Sullivan has served as a member of the House of Delegate since 2014, representing the 48th District which covers parts of Arlington and Fairfax Counties;
- WHEREAS: During the 2020 and 2021 General Assembly Sessions, Delegate Sullivan served as chair of the House Democratic Caucus, a leadership role in which he worked with the Speaker of the House Eileen Filler-Corn and Majority Leader Charniele Herring to promote the goals of the House Democrats;
- WHEREAS: During the 2020 General Assembly Session, Delegate Sullivan was a chief co-patron of the landmark transportation bill (HB 1414) which modernized transportation funding and highway safety. The legislation:
 - Ensured the Commonwealth's transportation fund remains solvent;
 - Supported critical transit and infrastructure projects, including Metro;
 - Increased funds for local transportation projects and improvements across the Commonwealth;
 - Generated an expected \$30 Million in additional funds for Northern Virginia transportation improvement projects;
 - Established the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, which will manage the Commonwealth's \$3.7 Billion Transforming Rail in Virginia Program over the next decade;
 - Provided for a revitalization of Long Bridge, which connects Virginia to DC by rail, expanding passenger and freight capacity for VRE commuters and Virginia business;
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Richard Sullivan 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 Richard Sullivan 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 3rd day of March 2022.

Canek Aguirre Chair