



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

SUBJECT: Commending Jennifer Mitchell on Her 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: In January 2014, Jennifer Mitchell was appointed by then Governor Terry McAuliffe to be the director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT);

WHEREAS: The Department of Rail and Public Transportation oversees and supports the funding, planning and implementation of public transportation and rail services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS: Ms. Mitchell joined NVTC as an Alternate Commissioner in February 2014 and has supported and partnered with NVTC on several major efforts to improve transit in Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS: Ms. Mitchell was instrumental in creating two multi-decade agreements (I-66 Inside the Beltway and I-395/95) to create and fund the Commuter Choice Program, an innovative, first of its kind program to invest toll revenue in multi-modal projects along two major interstate corridors in Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS: Ms. Mitchell was a steadfast and valued proponent of dedicated funding for WMATA and VRE, resulting in long-term financial investments in Northern Virginia's two rail systems and enabling them to provide safe and reliable service that supports Northern Virginia's growing economy; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Mitchell has overseen the creation and operational startup of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, a vital Commonwealth agency that supports the growth of intercity passenger rail and is a vital partner to the ongoing and future growth and success of VRE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends Jennifer Mitchell for her service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC congratulates Ms. Mitchell on her appointment as deputy administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration and looks forward to continuing to work with her in her new role.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ms. Mitchell 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 5th day of May 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Canek Aguirre", is written over a horizontal line.

Canek Aguirre
Chair