

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**DRAFT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE POTOMAC RIVER
COMMUTER FERRY STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) strategic plan endorsed a multi-modal transportation system as one of its core goals; and

WHEREAS, river commuter ferry service may present an opportunity to enhance transportation mobility and reduce congestion by greater use of river commuter ferry service; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County conducted a route proving exercise and feasibility study of a proposed commuter ferry service on the Potomac, Anacostia and Occoquan Rivers in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the study examines likely ferry service travel times, potential environmental impacts; preliminary capital and operation costs of ferry service, and the operational parameters required to provide ferry service between points in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the study findings and conclusions were presented to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission proposed to lead a regional stakeholder group to examine additional data and information needed to more fully evaluate the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of river commuter ferry service, including a market analysis, study of mode shift, and a service plan and budget; and

WHEREAS, COG has been invited by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and Prince William County to participate on the regional stakeholder group.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director will identify and appoint staff to participate on the regional stakeholder group and to periodically seek input from and report to the COG Board of Directors and other relevant COG policy boards and committees.
