

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER TO ENDORSE MAINTAINED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR WMATA

WHEREAS, the COG Board of Directors believes transportation planning and funding are vital to maintain and support the growing demand of the National Capital Region, the goals of Region Forward, the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, and

WHEREAS, maintained federal funding of WMATA at \$150 million is essential to ensure improvements to the system such as new rail cars and vital safety improvements required to implement the recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia both passed major transportation revenue acts in 2013, and the District of Columbia is dedicating increasing funding from its general fund for transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, these increases in transportation funding at the state level will not make up for the decline in spending power of the federal contribution, leading to a decrease in overall transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, providing anything less than the federal commitment of \$150 million would jeopardize rider safety and the current successful partnership with Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, as the seat of the federal government, we, the region, are asking the federal government to do more to ensure regional mobility and prosperity by providing a long-term and reliable source of transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board acknowledges that maintaining federal funding is vital to maintaining our regional transportation system and to meeting the needs of our growing economy and population in order to keep our National Capital Region moving forward.

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

The attached letter regarding COG's support for Congressional actions in support of maintained federal transportation funding of WMATA be endorsed and disseminated by the COG Board of Directors.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on May 13, 2015.

***Monica Beyrouiti
Clerk to the Board of Directors***