

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VIRGINIA'S INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF WMATA

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the Metrorail system is the most significant regional transportation system and plays a critical role in meeting the National Capital Region's socio-economic and mobility needs and has served this need for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the region's leaders are unified in their desire to help the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) address the safety and service reliability issues faced by its Metrorail system that are partly due to funding constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is conducting an objective, top-down review of WMATA including operating, governance, and financial conditions to benchmark WMATA's performance and condition relative to its peers to help identify potential reforms that will improve WMATA; and

WHEREAS, the review will help identify potential executive and legislative actions necessary to return WMATA to a world-class transit system and help ensure the Washington region remains an economically vibrant region.

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

The board commends the Commonwealth of Virginia's interest in identifying ways to improve the Metrorail system and looks forward to receiving the final report in November, 2017 with the ultimate goal of working together to improve WMATA for the region as a whole.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on May 10, 2017.

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