

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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MID-ATLANTIC HYDROGEN HUB APPLICATION TO BE A U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REGIONAL CLEAN HYDROGEN HUB**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) comprises the region's 24 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, area jurisdictions have a shared vision, *Region Forward*, for a more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable future which calls for a significant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, with substantial reductions from the built environment and transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, in October 2020 the COG Board adopted Resolution R45-2020, endorsing the regional climate mitigation and resiliency goals including a goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas emission reductions below 2005 levels by 2030 and to make significant progress to be a Climate resilient Region by 2030; and

WHEREAS, COG and its member jurisdictions are actively engaged in developing and implementing climate action plans that integrate efforts across sectors such as energy, the built environment, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Connected DMV and its National Capital Hydrogen Center are explicitly focused on developing initiatives that accelerate the energy transition and adoption of clean, hydrogen-based solutions whose environmental, financial, and social benefits accrue to Metropolitan Washington area communities; and

WHEREAS, COG, along with Connected DMV as its strategic partner are committed to explore and better understand the opportunities to accelerate the clean energy transition and development of hydrogen eco-systems; and

WHEREAS, in response to the significant federal funds made available in 2022 by the U.S. Department of Energy Hydrogen Hub Program, Connected DMV formed the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub (MAHH) to pursue funding as a designated regional clean hydrogen hub; and

WHEREAS, COG supports the MAHH's cross-sector coalition and application to receive funding as a U.S. Department of Energy regional clean hydrogen hub.

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

The COG Board supports the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub's application to the U.S. Department of Energy as a regional clean hydrogen hub and directs the Executive Director, or his designee, to issue a letter of support of behalf of the board.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this resolution was approved by the COG Board of Directors on February 8, 2023.

**Monica Beyrouti Nunez
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