METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TECHNICAL PANEL ON METRO

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 commitment to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in fully restoring a safe and reliable Metrorail system that achieves a state of good repair, and recognizes that to achieve these goals requires sustained long-term, capital investment and sufficient funding for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2016 the board adopted Resolution R39-2016 authorizing the Executive Director to convene a Technical Panel of Chief Administrative Officers and Chief Financial Officers to partner with WMATA to develop safety and reliability performance metrics for Metro, analyze operating and capital funding needs, and assess revenue options to meet capital and maintenance funding needs; and

WHEREAS, the panel also analyzed the economic value of Metro and its importance to the region; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2016 the board adopted Resolution R63-2016 accepting the Technical Panel's Interim Report and directing the Technical Panel to coordinate with the WMATA General Manager to complete its technical foundation work and provide a final report to the COG Board of Directors by the end of the first guarter of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Panel has coordinated with WMATA and completed the report for consideration by the COG Board of Directors including information on Metro's 10 year capital maintenance funding gaps, the economic value of Metro, suggested metrics and benchmarks for Metro, and an assessment of options for a future dedicated source of revenue to fund the capital and maintenance needs gaps; and

WHEREAS, the board established a Metro Strategy Group to develop policy recommendations that support achievement of the region's goals for long-term sustainment of Metro as a critical regional transportation system.

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

- 1. The board directs its Metro Strategy Group to review the report and other information and prepare recommendations for regional actions to the COG Board of Directors for further consideration at a future meeting.
- 2. The Technical Panel is asked to provide ongoing technical assistance to the board and the Metro Strategy Group upon request.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on April 26, 2017.

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