

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A LETTER TO THE REGION'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE REPLENISHMENT OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 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 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, 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, the Highway Trust Fund, the primary source of funds for highway federal aid- programs, may run out of funds before the date of September 30, 2014, by which time the Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund for transit programs will also be nearly empty, 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 additional 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.

WHEREAS, the COG Board desires to transmit a letter to the Region's Congressional Delegation expressing support for the replenishment of the Highway Trust Fund.

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

The Board desires to transmit a letter to the Region's Congressional Delegation expressing support for the replenishment of the Highway Trust Fund and directs its Executive Director, or his designee, to disseminate the letter on the Board's behalf.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on July 9, 2014.

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