

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
WITH THE STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT (SSO) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the District of Columbia, State of Maryland, and Commonwealth of Virginia have designated COG to serve as the recipient of State Safety Oversight Agency (SSO) grant program funds to facilitate the establishment of the Metro Safety Commission (MSC) and to fulfill FTA grant management requirements; and

WHEREAS, these activities were approved in TOC's MAP-21 5329(e) Certification Work Plan, dated May 16, 2014. Federal Fiscal Year 2013 funds will be used for this project which is an approved line item in the FY2013 SSOA grant application submitted by COG and approved by the FTA on September 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC), with officers from the District of Columbia, and the States of Maryland and Virginia, serves as the interim SSO pending the reconstitution of the TOC into the MSC, an independent legal entity to assume the enhanced responsibilities of the SSOA to oversee the safety of WMATA Metrorail operations consistent with FTA requirements for a SSO; and

WHEREAS, COG needs to procure a contractor(s) and enter into a contract to provide general support to the TRI State Oversight Committee (TOC) in assisting with implementation of the TOC's SSO.

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

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into a contract(s) and expend up to \$650,000 to provide contractor assistance in supporting the TOC in ensuring that the WMATA rail safety program remains in compliance with the requirements of the FTA and all relevant laws and regulations are addressed during the transitional period of the TOC to the Metro Safety Commission (MSC), and to enter into a contract with the selected contractor.

Funding for this effort is available in the COG budget from the FTA SSO grant being administered through COG's Department of Transportation Planning in the amount of \$650,000. No COG matching funds are required.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board Executive Committee on March 11, 2016.

**Laura Ambrosio
COG Communications Specialist**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on April 13, 2016.

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