

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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING WMATA FUNDING SUMMIT**  
**AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT**  
**DEDICATED FUNDING FOR METRO**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the Greater Washington Board of Trade, and the Federal City Council jointly established a special panel to examine Metro's future funding needs on September 8, 2004 (Resolution R39-04); and

**WHEREAS**, the Metro Funding Panel issued its report on January 6, 2005 and recommended that Metro compact jurisdictions implement a regional dedicated revenue source to address projected shortfalls for capital maintenance and system enhancements, and further recommended that the federal government participate significantly in addressing projected shortfalls, and

**WHEREAS**, both the COG Board of Directors and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board acted on the report and recommendations in January 2005, adopting Resolution R1-05 and TPB Resolution R13-05, respectively, supporting the Panel's efforts and urging review and action by area local, state and federal officials and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Panel's report was issued, area local, state and federal officials and the private sector have reviewed its findings and recommendations, conducted further analysis on proposed dedicated revenue options and considered legislative strategies to implement dedicated funding; and

**WHEREAS**, several members of the region's congressional delegation have co-sponsored legislation that responds to the Panel's recommendation for significant federal participation, which would authorize \$1.5 billion in federal funding to be matched by local and state dedicated funding; and

**WHEREAS**, WMATA will hold a summit on October 3, 2005 to seek a regional commitment to actively pursue dedicated funding, examine proposed amendments to the WMATA compact, and identify target amounts to be raised through dedicated revenue sources and how dedicated funding responsibilities could be shared by compact jurisdictions.

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

1. COG agrees to co-sponsor the WMATA Funding Summit on October 3, 2005 and urges participation by area chief elected officials from compact jurisdictions, senior Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia transportation officials, and other local, state and federal officials and private sector representatives.
2. COG supports efforts by the region's congressional delegation to provide significant federal funding participation, as recommended by the Metro Funding Panel, and urges that regional implementation of dedicated funding for Metro becomes a top policy priority for area local and state governments in the fall 2005 and 2006.