

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE REGIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR SUPPORT OF
PRIIA FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of 24 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 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 desire to help the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) address the safety and service reliability issues faced by its Metrorail system that are partly due to funding constraints; and

WHEREAS, WMATA is making progress on returning the system to a state of good repair however without continued investment by the federal government, that goal will not be reached; and

WHEREAS, the regional delegation wrote a letter on April 5, 2017 jointly asking the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development to continue to provide WMATA with \$150 million in federal funds for critical capital and safety improvements through the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA).

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

The board commends the regional delegation for jointly asking the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development to continue to provide WMATA with \$150 million in federal funds for critical capital and safety improvements through PRIIA and looks forward to continued partnership in the effort to continue improving the safety and service of the Metro system.

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

**Laura Ambrosio
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