

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
*MOMENTUM, THE NEXT GENERATION OF METRO*

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the regional planning organization of the Washington area's major local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2010, the COG Board of Directors approved Region Forward, a Comprehensive Guide for Regional Planning and Measuring Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has developed a new strategic plan entitled *Momentum, The Next Generation of Metro*, the first for the Authority in more than a decade, which reflects and supports the key concepts of Region Forward; and

**WHEREAS**, while WMATA continues rebuilding virtually its entire system to improve safety, reliability and customer service, the Authority must be planning to serve millions of additional future riders and support the region's economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, demand for WMATA's services is already outstripping capacity and more growth is expected, and thus additional investments are needed to prepare WMATA's core system to support the continued prosperity of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the new strategic plan, *Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro*, benefits from more than a year of outreach to nearly 12,000 customers and stakeholders, provides a road map to achieve the goals of the WMATA system, and guides WMATA's annual business plan; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that the region's mobility depends on the continued operation of WMATA's core network, *Momentum* includes the following key priorities for completion by 2025: operation of all eight-car trains during rush hour; completion of the Metrobus Priority Corridor Network; a one-stop shop for all regional transit trip planning and payment; and a better, more efficient MetroAccess service;

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

- (1) Provides its support for the vision, goals, and initiatives of *Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro*, as the new strategic plan for WMATA, recognizing that specific funding commitments required to implement *Momentum* will need to be secured from Metro's regional and federal funding partners.
- (2) Looks forward to integrating the key concepts and recommendations of *Momentum* into the ongoing refinement and implementation of Region Forward.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on June 12, 2013.***

***Nicole Hange  
Acting Executive Board Secretary***