

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WMATA GENERAL MANAGER/CEO'S *KEEPING METRO SAFE, RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE PLAN*

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 COG Board of Directors has identified restoring Metro as its top priority reflecting the critical role Metro plays in the success of region's economy, transportation mobility, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the region's leaders are unified in their desire to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA's) ongoing initiatives to achieve a safe, reliable, efficiently managed system, maintained in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the *Keeping Metro Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Plan* ("Plan") released by the WMATA General Manager/CEO on April 19, 2017 provides a sound strategy for furthering the region's goals for a safe, reliable, and efficient system, building on the success of the *SafeTrack* program and the *Back2Good* initiative; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that achievement of the goals in the General Manager/CEO's Plan and the ultimate return of Metro to a world class transit system urgently requires identification of a long-term, sustainable funding solution and the board, supported by its Metro Strategy Group, is actively engaged in seeking regional consensus on funding solution.

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

The board supports the direction and spirit of the General Manager/CEO's *Keeping Metro Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Plan* as a constructive framework for improving Metro and looks forward to ongoing collaboration and coordination with WMATA to help achieve the region's vision for a fully restored, world class Metro system efficiently managed in a state of good repair.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on June 14, 2017.

**Laura Ambrosio
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