

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG ON BEHALF OF THE METRO SAFETY COMMISSION (MSC) TO
PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES TO HIRE A MSC
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, COG is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) SSO funds and is tasked with the responsibility of working with the District of Columbia, and the states of Maryland and Virginia providing decision support services to establish a strong Metro Safety Commission (MSC) with sufficient authority to compel rail safety-promoting actions at WMATA; and

WHEREAS, the outcome is for the MSC to be established as an independent legal entity which will assume the enhanced responsibilities of the SSOA to oversee the safety of WMATA Metrorail operations consistent with FTA requirements for a SSOA; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) needs to proceed with a procurement for a contractor(s) and enter a contract to assist the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland and Virginia in the recruitment and hiring of an Executive Director to lead a State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) called the Metro Safety Commission (MSC); and

WHEREAS, the hiring of an Executive Director of the MSC is noted as an explicit activity in the MSC's Mobilization Plan submitted to the FTA; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this activity will be derived from the MSC funding from Federal Fiscal Year 2013 funds and state matching funds provided separately by the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland and Virginia which is a line item in the FY2013 SSOA grant application approved by the FTA on September 18, 2015.

**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 a contract(s) and expend up to \$75,000 on contractor assistance in supporting the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia with recruitment and hiring of an MSC Executive Director that will lead the MSC. An Executive Search firm will provide advice and assistance in conducting a search and hiring for the position to undertake the challenges of building, leading, and managing the direction of the newly created MSC. The recruitment and hiring of the MSC Executive Director will be conducted in cooperation with the appointed MSC Board of Commissioners from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Funding for this effort is available from the FTA SSO grants being administered through COG's Department of Transportation Planning in the amount of \$75,000. No COG matching funds are required.

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

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