

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS TO ENSURE
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the health and safety of our residents, and the recession caused by the pandemic has adversely affected the region's economy and workforce, threatening current and future transportation stability for many of our residents; and

WHEREAS, while the country continues to battle the health and economic impacts of the pandemic, emergency stabilization funding to local governments is essential to sustain operations; and

WHEREAS, transit is a lifeline for essential workers, especially in the National Capital Region, and critical to our economic health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, transportation investments are proven to promote economic growth, create jobs, and help prepare communities for a safer future; and

WHEREAS, with unprecedented drops in ridership and losses in revenue transit agencies nationally need \$32 billion in emergency funds to avoid damaging service and jobs cuts and minimize economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, when the CARES Act funding runs out, transit agencies, including WMATA, will be forced to cut transit service and furlough or lay off workers or redistribute capital funds, intended for repairs and expansion, to operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, additional surface transportation funding of \$37 billion should be provided to state department of transportation to support road and highway maintenance and essential projects to ensure local investment in these systems is preserved.

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

The board urges the federal government to take the following actions as part of its next COVID-19 response legislation to help ensure transportation infrastructure stability:

- Allocate \$32 billion in emergency funds for transit agencies including the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Allocate additional funding of \$37 billion to state department of transportations to support local and state road and highway infrastructure

The board authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to send a letter on behalf of the COG Board of Directors in partnership with the Transportation Planning Board to members of the congressional delegation representing the COG region communicating this request.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolutions were adopted by the COG Board of Directors
October 14, 2020
Janele Partman
COG Communications Specialist**