

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE H2 TWIN CITIES INITIATIVE AND PARTNER WITH THE PARIS REGION

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) comprises the region's 24 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, area jurisdictions have a shared vision, *Region Forward*, for a more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable future which calls for a significant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, with substantial reductions from the built environment and transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, in October 2020 the COG Board adopted Resolution R45-2020, endorsing the regional climate mitigation and resiliency goals including a goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas emission reductions below 2005 levels by 2030 and to make significant progress to be a Climate resilient Region by 2030; and

WHEREAS, COG and its 24 member jurisdictions are actively engaged in developing and implementing climate action plans that integrate efforts across sectors such as energy, the built environment, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, H2 Twin Cities is an initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial, a multi-nation effort designed to encourage global partnerships and enhance collaboration, coordination, and information exchange between cities in different countries to accelerate hydrogen deployments and user acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Connected DMV and its National Capital Hydrogen Center are explicitly focused on developing initiatives that accelerate the energy transition and adoption of clean, hydrogen-based solutions whose environmental, financial, and social benefits accrue to Metropolitan Washington area communities; and

WHEREAS, COG, along with Connected DMV as its strategic partner, intends to partner with Région Île-de-France (Paris Region) in an application to participate in the H2 Twin Cities Initiative to explore and better understand the opportunities to accelerate the clean energy transition and development of hydrogen eco-systems; and

WHEREAS, COG will work to build relationships and other partnerships and participate in the exploratory activities associated with sustainability, energy, jurisdictional engagement, and planning with a focus on sharing ideas on building best practices and strengthening commitment to environmental justice, social equity in exploring clean hydrogen energy to support the clean energy-based systems needed for the region to thrive.

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

1. COG's Executive Director is authorized to proceed with intentions to partner with the Paris Region to submit an application to the H2 Twin Cities Initiative, and if selected, receive funds to participate in the five-year program focused on sharing ideas on building best practices and strengthening commitment to environmental justice, social equity in exploring clean hydrogen energy to support the clean energy-based systems needed for the region to thrive.
2. COG's Executive Director is authorized to collaborate with Connected DMV and its National Capital Hydrogen Center to develop and submit an application for the H2 Twin Cities initiative.
3. COG's Executive Director or designee shall make periodic reports to COG's Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee and the COG Board about the application and, if approved, the learning exchange and potential applications in the metropolitan Washington region.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors
January 12, 2022
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