

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT (TIME) REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the mobility, safety, and reliability of metropolitan Washington's transportation system are vital to its economic well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the region experiences disruptions to the transportation system daily due to incidents, with associated safety and congestion impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, often, these incidents necessitate a coordinated multi-agency response, referred to in the public safety and transportation professions as Traffic Incident Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of all, including the traveling public and response personnel at incident scenes, is of paramount concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board of Directors requested the establishment of a Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force in January 2018 and tasked it to return with findings and recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force, comprised of practitioners of traffic incident management from numerous disciplines from state, county, and municipal governments in the region, convened from February to October 2018 and developed a set of recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations include a series of actionable items that can be implemented in the near term, as well as other concepts that should be investigated in the coming years, to improve traffic incident management regionwide.

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

1. The board approves the publication of the *Traffic Incident Management Enhancement in the National Capital Region: Findings and Recommendations Report from the 2018 COG Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Task Force*.
2. The board supports Traffic Incident Management best practices for the region and encourages member jurisdictions and involved responders to pursue fast and safe resolution of traffic incidents, in accordance with the report's recommendations.
3. *The board recommends a review of the Potomac River Bridges Towing Compact by the legislatures of the District of Columbia, State of Maryland and Commonwealth of Virginia with particular attention to amending: 1) by adding bridges not currently covered (e.g., The Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial/Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton Bridge (US 301) and Point of Rocks Bridge (US 15)) and in Article II and 2) by adding "designated transportation emergency responder agencies" to the list authorized to remove disabled or abandoned vehicles in Article III.*

4. *The board recommends consideration by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia to review policies and legislation to ensure transportation incident responders can get to incident scenes quickly in order to address these emergencies, including allowing for policies that would allow for use of flashing lights and audible sirens.*
5. *The board authorizes the Executive Committee, or its designee, to send letters on behalf of the COG Board to the appropriate departments in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia communicating the report and highlighting specific actionable items in the findings and recommendations.*

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on November 14, 2018.**

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