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NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable C. Zimmerman, Chairman, and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: John Mason, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Appreciation for Jurisdictional and Agency Support

DATE: September 3, 2008

ISSUE(S): The Authority desires to express appreciation to the jurisdictions and agencies that have supported NVTA over the last several years.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of the attached resolution expressing appreciation to jurisdictions and agencies.

PROPOSED MOTION: *Mr. Chairman, I move approval of attached resolution expressing appreciation to the jurisdictions and agencies that have supported NVTA over the last several years.*

SUMMARY:

- At its January 10 meeting, the Authority directed that a method for extending appreciation for jurisdictional and agency support be developed.
- With the Supreme Court decision overruling the General Assembly's approach to dedicated funding, it was realized that we would be phasing out the NVTA office and staff. In conversation with Chairman Zimmerman, we agreed that the logical timing for this action would be in conjunction with closing down office operations.
- The attached resolution will be sent to the chairs or chief administrative officers of the relevant Northern Virginia agencies and jurisdictions. Approximately 23 transmitting letters will be signed by the chairman. Additional letters will be sent by me to those agencies involved in the refunding process.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

COORDINATION:

- JACC

ATTACHMENT:

- Attachment A: Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Jurisdictional and Agency Support

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- RESOLUTION YY- CC

APPRECIATION FOR JURISDICTIONAL AND AGENCY SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (“NVT A”) was created by the General Assembly in 2002, to among other things, prepare a regional transportation plan for Northern Virginia; construct or acquire the transportation facilities included in the transportation plan; set regional transportation policies and priorities for regional transportation projects; provide general oversight of regional mass transit and congestion mitigation programs and regional transportation issues; develop regional transportation priorities and policies to improve air quality; advocate for the transportation needs of Northern Virginia; and collect taxes and fees authorized by law; and,

WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2007, there was limited funding authorized to support the activities that NVT A was directed to accomplish and therefore the local jurisdictions and regional transportation planning and operating agencies of Northern Virginia, along with state transportation agencies, agreed to support the activities of the NVT A by contributing staff resources from their jurisdictions and agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the significant progress made by NVT A from 2002 to 2007 was underpinned by the extraordinary professional support from jurisdictional and agency staffs that resulted in annual coordination of regional transportation priorities and recommendations to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the General Assembly; completion of *TransAction 2030* – a long range transportation plan for Northern Virginia; coordination of allocations for discretionary funding; coordination of legislative and advocacy issues; coordination of comments and action on major transportation projects affecting Northern Virginia ;and many other routine NVT A activities and actions; and,

WHEREAS, with the authorization of dedicated funding for NVT A by the General Assembly in 2007, the jurisdictional and agency staffs increased their contributed support to plan the plethora of actions necessary to establish an operating organization and immediately implement the authorized regional taxes and fees, coordinate an initial package of projects within a Six Year Plan, and design a major bond initiative;

WHEREAS, this increased effort involved staff from many non-transportation related disciplines, including law, finance, accounting, tax administration, debt management, public works, public affairs, legislative, purchasing and human resources; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2008, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that the General Assembly did not have the authority under the Virginia Constitution to delegate its taxing powers to the NVT A; and,

WHEREAS, this staff continued to provide assistance to NVRTA with refund activities and other on-going activities after the Court decision, including efforts to restore NVRTA's funding;

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes that, without the extraordinary support from jurisdictional and agency staffs, guided by outstanding staff leadership, it would have been impossible for the Authority to have achieved the progress it has to date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority extends its appreciation to the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, and to the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park, and to the the towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, Purcellville, and Vienna as well as to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Virginia Railway Express, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Taxation, State Police, Clerks of the Court, the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, and the staffs of the Secretary of Finance and Transportation, for their extraordinary support to the Authority over the past six years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this expression of NVRTA's appreciation be sent to the chief administrative officer in each of Northern Virginia's jurisdictions and to the executive directors of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Virginia Railway Express, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission; the Virginia Department of Transportation Commissioner; and the Directors of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; the Virginia Tax Commissioner and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner; the Clerks of the Court; Town Managers; State Police; Motor Vehicle Dealer Board; and the Secretaries of Transportation and Finance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT letters of appreciation signed by the chairman be forwarded to the key staff members who have provided the leadership that ensured the achievement of the Authority's progress to date.

Approved by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority on this 11th day of September 2008.

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Vice Chairman