

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Endorsing the Metro Momentum Strategic Plan

WHEREAS, The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is charting a new course to ensure the transit system meets the needs of the region through a strategic planning effort, the first for the Authority in more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Planning for the future and investing in WMATA is critical because Metro is the backbone of the region, with two million jobs located within a half mile of Metrorail or Metrobus routes;

WHEREAS, WMATA and its riders relieve the jurisdictions' need to construct at least 1,000 lane miles of roads and tens of thousands of parking spaces;

WHEREAS, While WMATA continues rebuilding virtually the entire system to improve safety, reliability and customer service, the Authority must be able to serve the expected millions of more future riders, and support the region's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Demand is already outstripping capacity and more growth is expected, and thus, additional investments are needed to prepare WMATA's core, and ultimately, to ensure the continued prosperity of the region; and

WHEREAS, The plan, *Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro*, benefits from more than a year of unprecedented outreach to nearly 12,000 customers and stakeholders, provides a road map to achieve the goals, and guides WMATA's annual business plan; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that the region's mobility depends on the continued operation of WMATA's core network, *Momentum* includes the following key priorities for completion by 2025: Operation of all eight-car trains during rush hour; completion of the Metrobus Priority Corridor Network; a one-stop shop for all regional transit trip planning and payment; and a better, more efficient MetroAccess service; and

WHEREAS, *Momentum* would provide a regional return by carrying 35,000 more passengers on trains per hour during rush hour; moving bus customers 50% faster using 12% less fuel while also removing *an additional* 100,000 trips from roadways each day; providing customers with one convenient hub to plan, pay for, and take a transit trip seamlessly and effortlessly; serving more customers with brighter, safer, and easier to navigate stations; offering customers

information, everywhere, all the time, to keep them informed during trips; and increasing Blue Line service so that trains arrive every six minutes during rush hour; and

WHEREAS, *Momentum* will require a partnership of funding partners from the federal, State and local governments and from the private sector to implement; and

WHEREAS, *Momentum* has been vetted by business leaders, advocacy groups, legislative decision makers, jurisdictional partners, and riders; now, therefore be it

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA*

That City Council endorses *Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro*, contingent upon WMATA determining a funding source for the plan,

Adopted: _____

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk