

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) established in 1964 by the Virginia General Assembly, has a mission to serve the public by providing a forum for elected officials to achieve an effective regional transportation network. Focusing primarily on transit, NVTC will develop strategies, identify funding sources, advocate for additional funding, prioritize allocations, oversee transit systems such as VRE and WMATA, measure and report transit performance and pursue new transit programs. NVTC will work to improve mobility, reduce traffic congestion, protect the environment and stimulate the regional economy by increasing transit and ridesharing use; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 under the leadership of Alexandria Mayor Charles E. Beatley, the Commission selected Rick Taube as the Executive Director of the organization which today manages up to \$200 million in annual transportation assistance; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mr. Taube, significant steps and initiatives have been undertaken within the six jurisdictions of Northern Virginia that have not only advanced regional cooperation but added significant milestones to the transportation development of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was selected as the recipient of the year's Outstanding Government Agency award for its work in coordinating public transportation fares and services; and

WHEREAS, these milestones and achievements include but are no way limited to the development and success of the VRE (Virginia Railway Express), Express bus service coordination with WMATA, a renegotiation of the WMATA funding formula, as well as ongoing studies relative to the impact of transit options on economic development and sustainability as well as ongoing updates in transit technology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taube has for the past twenty nine years provided advice, guidance and oversight to the management of transit funding, planning and operations for the member jurisdictions of the Commission and under his leadership these jurisdictions have gained knowledge and understanding of the complexities of modern transit modes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taube, longtime resident of the City of Alexandria, has announced his retirement as Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission it is meet and proper that we honor him in Alexandria for working to fulfill the mission of NVTC and for teaching all of Northern Virginia to "THINK BEYOND THE CAR."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby wish a Happy Retirement to:

"MR. RICK TAUBE"

And thank him for all that he has done for the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of February, 2013.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST.