

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED VEHICLE PROCUREMENT PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FOR FY 2027 TO FY 2028

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA’s) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities program provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) acting as administrative agent, is the designated recipient for the FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan Update was approved by the TPB on May 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the TPB is responsible for the competitive selection of Enhanced Mobility program projects and for certifying that all projects selected for funding are included in the Coordinated Plan while meeting the requirements as documented in federal guidance; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan Update outlines priority projects including Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies, and

WHEREAS, Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies is defined by the TPB as projects that would assist people with disabilities who utilize agency services, but for whom public transit is not a viable option, either because of the unavailability of transit or due to the nature of their disability. Agencies may provide transportation to their clients by contracting with a provider, or with directly owned or leased vans. Human service agencies could also coordinate and potentially share vehicles, maintenance, insurance, operating support, and driver training between agencies to provide agency-specific transportation for clients; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on a competitive selection process by a selection committee. Evaluation Criteria include coordination among agencies, responsiveness to TPB’s Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant, project feasibility, and regional need; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to support the transportation needs of City residents with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$1 million through the FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1 million is required to fund critical transportation and sustainability needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$1 million through the FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program;
2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match of up to \$200,000 if awarded; and
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

Adopted: _____

ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, CMC, City Clerk