

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE  
ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
PROGRAM**

**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 travel training programs to assist individuals with disabilities and older adults in learning how to safely and independently use existing fixed-route public transit services; and

**WHEREAS**, travel training is defined by the TPB as individualized or small-group instruction designed to teach seniors and people with disabilities the skills necessary to understand route planning, schedule reading, fare payment, safety, and accessibility features of the transit system, thereby increasing independence and reducing reliance on paratransit services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP) identifies developing a travel training program as an action item within the Supporting Travel Options chapter of the Plan; 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 supporting the transportation independence and mobility of city residents with disabilities and older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$250,000 through the FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, up to \$250,000 is required to fund the implementation and operation of a travel training program to support critical mobility and sustainability goals 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 \$250,000 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 up to \$125,000 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