

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar
City Council Legislative Meeting**

Present: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Jovovic, Office of Housing; Ms. Davis, Director, Black History Museum; Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Ms. Dana Wedeles, Office of Analytics, Innovation and Data; Ms. Horner, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Ms. Xypolia, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; and Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present via Zoom webinar.

Mayor Gaskins stated that due to the Declaration of Emergency related to winter weather issued by Governor Spanberger on January 22, 2026, and the local Declaration of Emergency as declared by the City Manager on January 24, 2026, the Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council will be held electronically pursuant to the Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), to discharge the City Council's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. All the members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference on Zoom. This meeting is being held electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at the Del Pepper Community Resources Center, 4850 Mark Center

Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22311.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

Not needed.

3. Closed Session (if needed)

Executive Session - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

The closed executive session was postponed due to inclement weather.

II. Opening Matters

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Proclamations and Recognitions

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

IV. Oral Reports

City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees

6. Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

***Council of Governments (COG) - Board of Directors (Mayor Gaskins)**

Mayor Gaskins reported that the Board elected new officers at their first meeting and she would be serving as second vice chair for this session. Mayor Gaskin reported that there was discussion about COG's legislative agenda, with a focus on transit funding for Metro.

***Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilwoman Greene)**

Councilwoman Greene reported that the Committee there was a discussion about

retail and domestic violence crimes and they received an update from the Safe Housing team. Councilwoman Greene reported on the Housing Legislation being considered in the General Assembly this session.

***Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman McPike)**

Councilman McPike reported that the subcommittee met to discuss the bills being considered in General Assembly, noting that the recommendations from the subcommittee will be presented to Council at the next legislative meeting for their consideration and approval. Mayor Gaskins noted that the majority of members of Council will be participating in Alexandria's Lobby Day on Thursday.

***City Council/School Board Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)**

This subcommittee meeting was cancelled.

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Commission held discussions in small groups about affordability, safety and belonging, and supportive school conditions and come up with specific actions that the Commission can take to further the goals.

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bagley)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Board voted on a few grant programs and funding issues, including the VPRA project at King and Commonwealth improvement. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that VRE added a new train with a significant increase in ridership. Vice Mayor Bagley also noted that the Long Bridge improvements have begun and will take about 5 years to complete with impact on the train travel.

***Waterfront Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that Waterfront Commission would like to re-evaluate their role and will be requesting to reconsider the recommendation of the subcommittee on boards and commissions. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was a discussion about the transit pier usage along the waterfront.

***Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Elnoubi)**

Councilman Elnoubi reported the Task Force focused on youth safety and belonging and there was discussion on the youth needs assessment from the 2024 – 2025, identifying enrichment strategies for improvement. Councilman Elnoubi noted that there were vacancies on the board.

***Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) (Councilman Aguirre**

and Vice Mayor Bagley)

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board convened in breakout groups to discuss what the body would focus on for the upcoming year.

***Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
(Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board elected new officers and he would be serving as the second vice chair for the body. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board discussed the Unified Plan and will work on the plan throughout the year. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was discussion about DMVMoves and passed a resolution supporting the plan.

***Alexandria Workforce Development (Councilman Elnoubi and Councilman
McPike)**

Councilman Elnoubi reported that the Board discussed the summer youth employment report. Councilman Elnoubi reported that the application is open for the next year until January 31.

7. City Council General Member Updates

- a. Councilwoman Greene reported that she would be hosting a women's health summit on Sunday, March 8 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.
- b. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Governor Spanberger and other newly elected officials for the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- c. Councilman Aguirre attended a celebration for group supporting Puerto Ricans working at the federal level.
- d. Councilman McPike announced that he would be resigning from the City Council to run for office at the state level. Councilman McPike tendered his resignation effective February 9, 2026.

As a point of personal privilege, Mayor Gaskins presented Councilman McPike with proclamation recognizing his resignation from his seat on City Council, effective February 9, 2026.

Councilman McPike thanked his colleagues, City Staff and the community for all the support he has received over the years during his service on City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman

Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

8. City Manager's Oral Report

City Manager Parajon gave an overview of emergency operations in relations to the current snowstorm, highlighting snow removal. Mr. Parajon and city staff responded to questions and concerns from members of City Council.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Roll-Call Consent Items (9-13)

9. Consideration of a Resolution Approving FR Ambulance LLC to Provide Private Medical Transports in the City of Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Transfer of Unencumbered Appropriations by the City Manager or Designee.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the FY 2027 State Aid Grant Programs for Capital and Operating Assistance, MERIT, CAP Workforce Development, and TRIP.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Application to the FY 2026 Combatting Hate Crimes Grant Program through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of the Appointment of City Representatives to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the action docket, with the exception of Item No. 10, which was considered under separate motion. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council adopted the resolution that approves FR Ambulance, LLC., to provide non-emergency medical transportation to their customers in the City of Alexandria.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3352

WHEREAS, FR Ambulance LLC seeks to operate as a licensed EMS agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia for non-emergent medical transportation; and

WHEREAS, FR AMBULANCE LLC wishes to incorporate non-emergent advanced life support (ALS) and basic life support (BLS) transportation; and

WHEREAS, FR AMBULANCE LLC intends to provide inter-facility in hospital BLS and ALS medical transport services in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, FR AMBULANCE LLC has requested licensure as an EMS agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to allow them to operate in the Commonwealth, to include the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, FR AMBULANCE LLC will not interfere with the mission of the Alexandria Fire Department or respond to medical emergencies within the City of Alexandria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

On this date of January 27, 2026, the Alexandria City Council does hereby approve FR AMBULANCE LLC to operate within the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

11. City Council: (1) adopted a resolution to support an application and submission to DRPT by February 1, 2026, for the following programs:

- Up to \$42,500,000 in eligible expenses for State Aid Transit Operating Assistance
- Up to \$16,000,000 for State Aid Capital Assistance
- Up to \$110,000 for the Public Transportation Workforce Development Program

- Up to \$500,000 for the MERIT Minor Enhancement Program
 - Up to \$725,000 for the MERIT State of Good Repair Program
 - Up to \$1,025,000 for free Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) student fares (TRIP)
 - Up to \$350,000 for the Commuter Assistance Program (CAP);
- (2) authorized the City Manager to commit local funds of up to \$10,954,000 of which: a. up to \$10,400,000 is currently programmed in the CIP under DASH Bus Fleet Replacement for FY 2027 in NVTA 30% funds; b. \$254,000 can be funded through DASH Operating funds; and c. approximately \$300,000 can be funded through the Go Alex Fund from developer contributions or from NVTA 30% funds; and
- (3) authorized the City Manager to apply for State Aid Grants through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC to accept and implement the grants.

The resolution was as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3351

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2026

WHEREAS, in 2018, the General Assembly passed HB 1539, which required the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to update the State Aid Grant Programs for operating and capital assistance based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020; and

WHEREAS, HB 1539 establishes separate prioritization processes for the Board's Six Year-Improvement Program, state of good repair projects, and major expansion projects and makes numerous changes to the administration of revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Operating Assistance State Aid for the City of Alexandria to include up to \$42,500,000 in eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Capital Assistance State Aid of up to \$16,000,000 to acquire bus replacements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Public Transportation Workforce Development Program for up to \$110,000 to continue funding two planning intern positions or apprentice positions to gain valuable experience in the public transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the MERIT Minor Enhancement Program for up to \$500,000 to fund bus stop amenities city wide to increase safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the MERIT State of Good Repair Program for up to \$350,000 to fund non-revenue vehicle purchases; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the MERIT State of Good Repair Program for up to \$375,000 to fund facility related capital expenditures for items in need of critical replacement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Transit Rider Incentive Program for up to \$1,025,000 to provide free rides on WMATA Metrobus and Metrorail for middle school and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Commuter Assistance Program for up to \$350,000 to increase the percentage of commuters using alternative transportation options;

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the applications for State Aid up to \$61,210,000 and eligible expenses through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Programs, and
2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match up to \$10,954,000 for the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Programs, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget, up to \$100,000 its Fiscal Year 2028 Operating Budget; up to \$157,500 its Fiscal Year 2029 Operating Budget, and up to \$200,000 its Fiscal Year 2030 Operating Budget; and
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements with the DASH General Manager, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and/or NVTC and to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program to accept and implement the grants.

12. City Council: (1) approved the submission of an application to the DCJS Grant Program for up to \$200,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council appointed the following individual to the newly vacant City Representative position on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board: Kevin C. Greenlief, Director of Finance.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

10. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Transfer of Unencumbered Appropriations by the City Manager or Designee.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. City Council adopted a resolution to affirm the authority of the City Manager to transfer unencumbered appropriation funds within the accounts of an office, department or agency and to delegate authority from City Council to the City Manager to transfer unencumbered appropriation funds from one office, department or agency to another.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3353

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.02(c) of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to make appropriations for the support of the city government and any other purposes authorized by the charter and not prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.07 of the City Charter, City Council appropriates funds to the general fund budget itemized by departments and the major operating units thereof, and by courts, bureaus, boards, commissions, offices and agencies submitting separate budget estimates, and by the principal object of the expenditure; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.13 of the City Charter, City Council may make additional appropriations by not less than a majority affirmative vote of all members of Council, only if there is available in the general fund a sum unencumbered and unappropriated sufficient to meet such appropriation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the City Charter, the City Manager may at any time transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof within the accounts of an office, department or agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the City Charter, City Council, when advised of the details by the City Manager, may by duly docketed resolution transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one office, department or agency to another; and

WHEREAS, there are times and circumstances when City offices, departments, and agencies encounter unanticipated costs in operations that require immediate funding before

such time as a supplemental appropriation ordinance may be considered by City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to affirm the authority under the City Charter for the City Manager to transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof within the accounts of an office, department or agency; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to affirm the authority under the City Charter for the City Council, when advised of the details by the City Manager, to transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one office, department or agency to another.

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

1. City Council affirms that, pursuant to Section 5.07, the City Manager or their designee may at any time transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof within the accounts of an office, department or agency.
2. City Council affirms that, pursuant to Section 5.07, the City Manager or their designee may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one office, department or agency to another and shall subsequently docket a resolution affirming such transfers. Any such resolution may be docketed at the same time as the next annual or supplemental appropriation ordinance.
3. These transfers may be made to address unanticipated costs in City operations that require immediate funding and any such transfer may not result in a change in the total funding appropriated by City Council.
4. Nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted as preventing or discouraging the City Manager from seeking City Council's approval and authorization for the transfer of any unencumbered appropriation balance.
5. City staff are directed to develop a policy formalizing the process described herein.
6. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

VI. Individual Action Items

14. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Presentation on DMVMoves.

City Council received a presentation from Clark Mercer, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on DMVMoves.

15. Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) and Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA)

Boards DMVMoves Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution passed by the MWCOG and WMATA Boards endorsing the DMVMoves Plan conceptually but does not recommend committing funding at this time, as numerous variables could influence the City's share of the \$460 million capital contribution. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3354

RESOLUTION COG AND WMATA BOARDS ADOPTING DMVMOVES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), is an interstate compact agency and instrumentality of the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, established by an Interstate Compact, approved by Congress, to plan, develop, finance, and operate improved transit facilities as part of a balanced regional transportation system, and to coordinate the operation of publicly and privately owned or controlled transit facilities into a unified regional transit system without unnecessary duplication of service; and

WHEREAS, transit is vital to the success and economic vitality of the National Capital Region, and the region's jurisdictions came together in 2018 to guarantee funding for WMATA's capital program after more than a decade of deferred maintenance that resulted in major service disruptions, and the region again built on its long record of support for the Metro system by increasing contributions to WMATA's operating budget when temporary federal operating assistance expired; and

WHEREAS, WMATA's major capital funding sources, including 2018 dedicated funding and federal and matching Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) funding, were not indexed to grow and lost considerable purchasing power over the past five years of historic inflation, rising construction and labor costs, and accelerated capital program needs; and

WHEREAS, without additional dedicated capital funding WMATA will reach its debt capacity limit in about FY2029 which will cause its approved FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program to fall from an average annual amount of \$2.2 billion to \$1.4 billion, severely impacting safety and reliability of the system; and

WHEREAS, without additional, dedicated capital funding that addresses WMATA's debt capacity limit, it will carry a capital backlog averaging \$10 billion over the next 25 years, totaling \$22 billion by FY2050, but that with additional funding WMATA could responsibly manage a backlog averaging \$3 to \$4 billion per year; and

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WHEREAS, regional rail and local bus providers face deferred maintenance risks, and state and local transit agencies face unsustainable operating gaps, raising the potential for disruptive service reductions that would undercut regional progress on economic growth, environmental goals, and mobility goals (see Attachment C); and

WHEREAS, the region has demonstrated unified leadership through the 2024 launch of the DMVMoves initiative, when the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors adopted a joint resolution formally establishing DMVMoves as a shared commitment to strengthen long-term coordination and planning for regional transit; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors appointed the DMVMoves Task Force of regional officials to lead the DMVMoves effort and to develop a shared vision for the future of the region's transit network and identify sustainable, long-term, dedicated funding sources to support it; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was supported by two Advisory Groups—the Government Partners Advisory Group, consisting of chief administrative officers, chief financial officers, and senior state and local transportation executives; and the Community Partners Advisory Group, consisting of regional, business, labor, and community leaders and advocates—whose insight and recommendations were critical to the development of the DMVMoves Regional Transit Investment and Action Plan (“DMVMoves Plan”); and

WHEREAS, over the course of six Task Force meetings and seventeen Advisory Group meetings, participants worked collaboratively to assess regional needs, review detailed technical analyses, consider public feedback, and refine recommendations for a funding and action plan that would strengthen, integrate, and sustain transit across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Groups established Working Groups to further evaluate and recommend strategies for enhanced coordination and service improvement for a seamless transit experience that reflect both the practical realities and the collective aspirations of the region's transit providers and customers; and

WHEREAS, through this process, the Task Force and Advisory Groups together have established a shared Vision for an integrated, reliable, and financially sustainable regional transit network that supports economic prosperity, environmental goals, and access to opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of this collaboration is the DMVMoves Plan, which outlines both a funding recommendation to address WMATA's long-term capital needs and a Regional Transit Integration Action Plan that calls for coordinated investments and actions to make travel across the region faster, safer, more integrated, and more reliable; and

WHEREAS, the investments proposed in the DMVMoves Plan are critical for delivering the DMVMoves Vision, ensuring economic prosperity, meeting the region's goals, and addressing WMATA's capacity, reliability, and safety needs in a more cost-effective manner, including growing ridership and increasing capacity and connectivity for east-west travel across the region's core while being more cost efficient in providing that service; and

WHEREAS, that this funding and action plan is designed to reinforce service reliability and efficiency, unlock underutilized assets, and position the National Capital Region as a leader in mobility and transit innovation; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors endorse the recommendations for modernization of WMATA's Metrorail System, and acknowledge that additional dedicated funding will support WMATA's ongoing capital program, including investments in the Rail Modernization Program Plan WMATA is developing; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors endorse the recommendations for a regional, collaborative approach to implementing bus priority infrastructure and strategies on regional priority corridors that advance connectivity, access, performance, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors encourage jurisdictions to pursue implementation of regional bus priority project corridors collaboratively with WMATA as a partner in project development and federal funding, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors recognize the importance of regional and local funding commitments in leveraging federal funding opportunities, including through the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program, to advance implementation of the DMVMoves Plan; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors understand WMATA will produce and make public a 20-year, conceptual capital plan every five years, and that capital plan will include an analysis of capital investments and other opportunities to be more cost efficient; and

WHEREAS, the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors understand COG will convene stakeholders and monitor progress on the implementation of the DMVMoves Plan and develop and make public an annual report on the progress of the DMVMoves Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

1. Adoption of Vision and Goals

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors adopt the DMVMoves Vision and six regional goals as the foundation for regional planning and DMVMoves funding investment plan (see Attachment A);

2. Endorsement of DMVMoves Plan

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors endorse the DMVMoves Plan and direct WMATA and local agency staff to implement accordingly, (see Attachment B), which:

- Defines a 25-year framework for investment needs and funding targets;
- Supports WMATA's investment plan for world-class transit, including:

- Ongoing repair, maintenance, and modernization of assets, systems, and technologies;
- Deployment of rail modernization—modern signaling, compatible fleet upgrades, and selective platform screen doors—to improve safety, reliability, capacity, and

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- efficiency;
- A fast and frequent bus network with bus priority, providing all-day, all-week service that is faster, more reliable, and better aligned with regional travel needs and coupled with regional investments in bus priority; and
- Provides an indication of local transit agencies' funding needs to meet proposed service goals;
- Identifies key policy changes and other actions to improve transit service delivery and inter-jurisdictional coordination to make the regional transit system function more like an integrated and seamless network; and
- Advances regional priority corridors for targeted bus priority investment, in partnership with WMATA, jurisdictions, and stakeholders; and

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors urge the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at COG to act as lead coordinator for implementation of the DMVMoves Plan, responsible for convening stakeholders, monitoring progress, and issuing annual reports to WMATA, state and local partners, and the public, and that such reports will include progress reports on the implementation of the DMVMoves Plan, including bus priority corridor advancement, implementation of fare policy changes and regional service guidelines, and uniform reporting of transit system performance; and

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors calls on our federal partners, in recognition of the critical role WMATA plays in supporting the federal government and our national capital, to increase PRIIA funding to restore the purchasing power lost due to inflation since 2010; and

RESOLVED, that WMATA will use reasonable efforts to pursue federal grant, loan, and credit programs to support the DMVMoves Plan, including Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) financing opportunities; and

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors request staff to continue their efforts to drive cost efficiencies and to manage a reserve account that enhances financial accountability and provides greater predictability for jurisdictional funding partners;

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors request WMATA to produce and make public a 20-year, conceptual capital plan with initial publication not later than July 2027 and to refresh that plan every five years, and that capital plan will include an analysis of capital investments and other opportunities to be more cost efficient; and

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors request that WMATA deliver an annual report to COG and funding partners on the performance of the WMATA Transit System and its capital program, and the use and outcomes of additional dedicated funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors calls upon elected officials, agency partners, and regional stakeholders to support and advance the commitments necessary to realize the DMVMoves Vision and ensure a stable,

integrated, and sustainable future for the region's transit systems;

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3. Legislative Need

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors recognize the urgent need for \$460 million in additional, predictable, annual and ongoing funding directed to WMATA in advance of reaching its debt capacity limit in FY2029, and calls upon regional leaders to provide that funding (see Attachment C); and

RESOLVED, that legislation is required in each of the Compact Signatories—the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia—to:

- Establish additional predictable, multiyear funding for WMATA;
- Ensure that additional funding grows annually; and
- Ensure that additional funding is structured appropriately to maintain flexibility of use to preserve purchasing power and meet long-term financial needs;

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors call upon regional leaders to advance the necessary legislative and budget actions to ensure these commitments are enacted in advance of reaching its debt capacity limit in FY2029, and sustained over time;

RESOLVED, that the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors call upon regional leaders to advance necessary legislative and budget actions to advance actions to support state and local transit operators; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that to ensure alignment between these findings and upcoming WMATA decisions this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

16. Consideration of Modifications to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Funding Agreement for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 6-0-1 by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager, subject to approval of all applicable legal documentation by the City Attorney, to enter into a third amendment to the WMATA Funding Agreement upon full execution of a global settlement agreement resolving all merited change orders, negotiated Contractor's claims, and the existing escalator claim, with such funds constituting the City's final payment and a release of all current and future claims related to the project; and (2) City Council authorized the appropriation and use of up to \$35M from the Potomac Yard Fund balance to fund such third amendment to the Funding Agreement. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Greene and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Abstain/Recused, Councilman Elnoubi.

17. Consideration of the City Strategic Plan for FY26-FY28.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received a presentation and considered the proposed FY26-FY28 Strategic Plan, including City Council Priorities, as developed during the winter City Council Retreat; and (2) approved the proposed plan with direction to staff to proceed with implementation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

18. Housing 2040 Plan Work Session

City Council received the presentation from Housing staff and gave feedback regarding the Housing 2040 Plan and its proposed principles, goals, and recommendations.

VII. Other Business

19. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 01/27/26, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead schedule; and (2) received the City Council Calendar from January 2026 - June 2026. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

20. Closed Session (cont.) (if needed)

Not needed.

21. Adjournment.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of January 27, 2026 at 10:32 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: March 10, 2026