

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROPOSED PROGRAM OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY (NVTa) FOR 70 PERCENT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
FOR FY 2018 to FY 2023**

WHEREAS, in April 2013, House Bill 2313 was signed into law, levying additional taxes and a fee in Planning Districts that meet population, motor vehicle registration, and transit ridership criteria; and

WHEREAS, additional revenues generated in Northern Virginia through these taxes and fees are deposited into a fund managed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa), and thirty (30) percent of the funds are distributed directly to member localities for use on transportation projects, and the remaining seventy (70) percent of the funds are distributed by NVTa and used for regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, projects seeking NVTa 70% regional transportation funds must be included in NVTa's long range transportation plan, TransAction, which was approved by the NVTa at their October 12, 2017 meeting; and

WHEREAS, NVTa 70% capital funds do not have a local match requirement and are provided on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2017, the NVTa formally requested applications seeking 70% regional transportation funding for their first six-year program, FY 2018 to FY 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that approximately \$1.5 billion (based on revenue projections) will be made available within this six-year program for regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is requesting \$96.57 million for two projects, including:

1. Blue/Orange/Silver Corridor Capacity and Reliability Improvements / "New Blue Line" Alternatives Analysis and Project Development (\$2.0 million), TransAction ID #34; and
2. ATC Power and Wayside Communications Upgrades on Blue/Orange Lines (\$94.57 million), TransAction ID #101.

WHEREAS, the grant request will provide funding for beginning the process to address capacity issues at the Rosslyn station and well as reliability issues throughout the Blue / Orange / Silver corridor; and

WHEREAS, the grant request will build on the traction power upgrades previously funded by NVTa, and would support comprehensive upgrades and replacement of all of the ATC power and wayside communication equipment necessary to ensure safe and reliable operation of 8-car trains along the Blue Line in Alexandria and along Metrorail corridors in Northern Virginia;

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

1. That the City Council supports WMATA's application for NVTa 70% regional transportation funding in the FY 2018 to FY 2023 Six Year Program;

Adopted: January 9, 2018

ALLISON SILBERBERG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk