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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**July 18, 2012**

**MOTION**

**Made By: Seconded By: Action:**

**Title: Distribution of Fiscal Year 2013 -2018 Six Year Improvement Program Funds to the Northern Virginia Transit Providers**

**WHEREAS**, Section 33.1-12(9)(b) of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) of anticipated projects and programs and that the Program shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 58.1-638(A)(4)(c) of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board to allocate funds for mass transit in accordance with the statutory formula set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS**, public transparency and establishing a clear pathway of the role of statewide revenues and how those revenues are applied by the Commonwealth and distributed to a grantee for a specific given project or service within each jurisdiction are fundamental in the distribution and expenditure of state funds for mass transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for mass transit appropriated by the General Assembly and allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to support the Northern Virginia transit services provided by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Fairfax Connector (County of Fairfax), ART (County of Arlington), DASH (City of Alexandria), CUE (City of Fairfax), and previously George (City of Falls Church) have historically been distributed in the SYIP to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC); and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of public transparency, the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) notified the Counties of Fairfax and Arlington, the Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and WMATA on May 15, 2012, that SYIP funds

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distributed as state transit assistance would be shifted from NVTC to be provided directly to each jurisdiction and to WMATA beginning in FY2013; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT held several discussions and meetings with the NVTC jurisdictions and received comments between May 15 and June 19, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, in its Board discussion of the FY2013-2018 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), DRPT reported its progress and that the NVTC local jurisdictions requested additional time to continue discussions and deliberations before the Board set the distribution of transit funds to Northern Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the timing of events, the Board took action and adopted the SYIP on June 20, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted SYIP provides mass transit funds directly to WMATA and to the local jurisdictions providing for transit services, and not to NVTC; and

**WHEREAS**, following adoption of the SYIP, the Board took action to delay the distribution of the funds that were allocated to support the Northern Virginia transit services provided by WMATA, Fairfax Connector (County of Fairfax), ART (county of Arlington), DASH (City of Alexandria), CUE (City of Fairfax), and previously George (City of Falls Church) until after the July 18, 2012, Board meeting to allow for further discussions and deliberations on this matter and to seek consensus as to whether to distribute SYIP funds directly to NVTC or distribute funds to the listed Northern Virginia transit providers; and

**WHEREAS**, following the action to delay the distribution of the funds to the Northern Virginia transit services, the Board Chairman appointed two Board members to join the DRPT Director to work with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia transit provider jurisdictions to further discuss and deliberate and seek to gain consensus on this matter and report to the Board its findings and recommendation as to the best resolution of the issues being considered at the Board's July 18, 2012, action meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board Committee met several times with representatives of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and local transit provider jurisdictions, and DRPT staff met with local transportation and finance staff to reach consensus on how to best distribute funds to support Northern Virginia transit services; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the deliberations, the Board Committee reported that the best approach to resolve the issues being considered for the distribution of local jurisdiction transit funds is for the Board to distribute funds to support the Northern Virginia transit services provided by Fairfax Connector (County of Fairfax), ART (county of Arlington), DASH (City of Alexandria), and CUE (City of Fairfax), and previously George (City of Falls Church) directly to the transit provider locality, and each locality to record the allocated funding in accordance with

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Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and with the intended purpose of providing for the local jurisdiction's transit service; and

**WHEREAS**, also in consideration of the deliberations, the Board Committee reported that the best approach to administer the allocations made to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) is for the Board to reallocate the funds to the County of Fairfax, County of Arlington, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church based on the individual jurisdiction's proportionate subsidy share as identified by WMATA, conditioned that the WMATA Compact member jurisdictions must record the allocated funding in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and with the intended purpose of providing funding to offset the jurisdiction's obligation to provide subsidy funding for WMATA service within its jurisdiction; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, in consideration of the Board Committee recommendations, the Board directs that distribution of FY2013-2018 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) funds to support the Northern Virginia transit services provided by Fairfax Connector (County of Fairfax), ART (county of Arlington), DASH (City of Alexandria), and CUE (City of Fairfax), and previously George (City of Falls Church) be made by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation directly to the transit provider locality conditioned upon the locality recording the allocated funding in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and with the intended purpose of providing for the local jurisdiction's transit service; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, in consideration of the Board Committee recommendations, the Board reallocates the funds originally allocated on June 20, 2012 to support Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) to the County of Fairfax, County of Arlington, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church based on the individual jurisdiction's proportionate subsidy share as identified by WMATA, conditioned that the WMATA Compact member jurisdictions must record the allocated funding in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and with the intended purpose of providing funding to offset the jurisdiction's obligation to provide subsidy funding for WMATA service within its jurisdiction; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, the Board hereby amends the FY2013-FY2018 Six Year Improvement Program and de-allocates the WMATA funds in the amount of \$104,331,767; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves and amends the FY2013-FY2018 Six Year Improvement Program for the \$104,331,767 of Mass Transit Trust Fund and Mass Transit Capital Fund amounts de-allocated from WMATA and allocates those funds to the County of Fairfax, County of Arlington, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church as a state contribution subsidy for the provision of WMATA provided transit services provided to the WMATA Compact member jurisdictions as follows:

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**State Contribution Subsidy for the Provision of WMATA Provided Transit Services Provided to the WMATA Compact Member Jurisdictions  
 Changes to the FY2013-2018 Six Year Improvement Program July 20, 2012**

	Previously Allocated to:		Reallocated to:			
	WMATA	Arlington County	Alexandria	City of Fairfax	City of Falls Church	Fairfax County
Operating Budget	\$ 71,819,420	\$ 19,095,469	\$ 11,146,934	\$ 638,058	\$ 858,817	\$ 40,080,142
Capital Budget:						
WMATA-Debt Service	\$ 2,402,720	\$ 888,219	\$ 459,702	\$ 15,138	\$ 12,480	\$ 1,027,181
Metro Matters Program	\$ 29,116	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,116	\$ -
Metro Matters - Jurisdiction Debt Service	\$ 5,777,891	\$ 882,368	\$ 502,995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,392,528
WMATA Project Development	\$ 453,750	\$ 143,550	\$ 73,150	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,400	\$ 229,350
WMATA - Capital Improvement Program	\$ 23,848,870	\$ 7,068,805	\$ 3,760,967	\$ 248,028	\$ 248,028	\$ 12,523,042
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 104,331,767</b>	<b>\$ 28,078,411</b>	<b>\$ 15,943,748</b>	<b>\$ 904,524</b>	<b>\$ 1,152,841</b>	<b>\$ 58,252,243</b>

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