

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND
AGREEMENT**

Among

**The Commonwealth of Virginia Acting By and Through
The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation**

And

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

WMATA CAPITAL FUND AGREEMENT

THIS WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 1 day of May, 2019, by and between **the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA")**, a body corporate and politic created by interstate compact between Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and **the Commonwealth of Virginia acting by and through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation** (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

1. The WMATA transit system has played a critical role in the growth and prosperity of the National Capital Region and environs, and WMATA's continued economic vitality is essential to the regional transportation system and the environmental quality, and economic, educational and cultural life of the National Capital Region.

2. The WMATA system was built and is operated through the substantial investment of public funds by the Federal Government and by State and local governments in the region.

3. The lack of sufficient secure and reliable funding to rehabilitate and maintain the WMATA transit system and to replace rail cars, buses, and other key transit assets is creating a transportation crisis, threatening the continued health and vitality of the system and jeopardizing the public investment.

4. In order to provide a dedicated source of revenue, the Virginia General Assembly in its 2018 legislative session created the WMATA Capital Fund. The dedicated funding and related matters are established in Sections 33.2-3400 through 33.2-3404 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations set forth in this Agreement, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

SEC. 1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

- A. "Agreement" means this WMATA Capital Fund Agreement.
- B. "Capital Improvement Program" or "CIP" means the list of project elements contained therein approved by the WMATA Board of Directors and that advance the Authority's strategic objectives. The CIP is not considered a payment schedule.
- C. "Code" means the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
- D. "Commonwealth" means the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- E. "Contribution" means the estimated annual amount of funding to be disbursed to WMATA by the Commonwealth paid with funds from the WMATA Capital Fund in accordance with Code Section 33.2-3401.
- F. "CTB" means the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board.
- G. "Days" means calendar days.
- H. "Debt" means any bond, security, debt issuance, certificate of participation, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by a public body, and includes commercial paper, lines of credit, and letters of credit to finance the program of projects to be completed under the terms of this Agreement.
- I. "DRPT" means the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.
- J. "Effective Date" means the date on which this Agreement becomes effective, as further defined in Section 10 of this Agreement.

- K. "Fiscal Year" means each of the Commonwealth's and WMATA's fiscal years beginning on July 1 and ending June 30.
- L. "Non-Restricted Funds" means those state funds provided to WMATA pursuant to Code Sections 33.2-3401.B.2 and 33.2-3404 that shall be made available for use by WMATA for capital purposes, including for the payment of, or security for, debt service on bonds or other indebtedness of WMATA.
- M. "Party" means a party to this Agreement. WMATA and the Commonwealth, acting by and through DRPT, individually are a Party and collectively are the Parties.
- N. "Restricted Funds" means those state funds provided to WMATA pursuant to Code Section 33.2-3401.B.1 that shall be made available for use by WMATA for capital purposes other than for the payment of, or security for, debt service on bonds or other indebtedness of WMATA.
- O. "WMATA" or "Authority" means the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.
- P. "WMATA Capital Fund" means the fund established pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 33.2 of the Code.

SEC. 2 AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES

WMATA and the Commonwealth agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to fully and faithfully carry out their respective obligations under this Agreement. Any commitment or agreement of the Commonwealth required by this Agreement shall be subject to the annual appropriation and allocation of funds and other limitations on expenditures or obligations under the law of the Commonwealth or under other applicable law. This Agreement shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Commonwealth until funds are duly appropriated and allocated and monthly payments become due pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement, nor shall it constitute an obligation for which the Commonwealth is obligated to levy

or pledge any form of taxation in addition to the revenues identified in Code Sections 33.2-3400 et seq.

SEC. 3 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The WMATA Board of Directors adopts a Capital Improvement Program each year. The CIP may include any capital project or purchase eligible for capital funding.

SEC. 4 COMMONWEALTH RESPONSIBILITY

A. Annual Commitment Letter. Subject to allocation and appropriation, and the other requirements contained in the Code, the Commonwealth shall annually provide WMATA with written notice that funds have been, are intended to be, or will not be appropriated to cover its Contribution for the upcoming Fiscal Year and committing to disburse such Contribution to WMATA per the terms of this Agreement. If the Commonwealth's appropriations process is not completed by June 1, the Commonwealth shall provide to WMATA: (i) a written explanation for the failure to make such submissions by June 1 and confirmation that an amount equal to its Contribution has been or will be included in the next Fiscal Year budget to be considered by the Commonwealth's fiscal authority; and (ii) written assurances that all reasonable efforts will be undertaken to secure the ultimate appropriation of funds in a prompt and timely fashion. If funds will not be appropriated, then the Commonwealth shall notify WMATA within five business days of the fiscal body's action.

B. Disbursement of Contribution

(1) Monthly Disbursements. Subject to allocation and appropriation, and the other requirements contained in the Code, the Commonwealth shall disburse one-twelfth

(1/12th) of the Contribution to WMATA on a monthly basis, except for the first disbursement under this Agreement which is covered by Section (4)(B)(3) of this Agreement. The Commonwealth shall make the monthly disbursements from the WMATA Capital Fund no later than the 25th Day of the following month into two accounts set up by WMATA – one account for the Restricted Funds and one account for the Non-Restricted Funds.

(2) Insufficient Balance in the WMATA Capital Fund. Subject to allocation and appropriation, and other requirements contained in the Code, the monthly disbursements shall be based upon one-twelfth (1/12th) of the Contribution unless the balance in the WMATA Capital Fund is not sufficient to cover the monthly disbursement amount, in which event the Commonwealth shall disburse to WMATA the entire balance in the WMATA Capital Fund as of the end of the prior month. The Commonwealth shall continue to disburse the entire balance in the WMATA Capital Fund each month until such time as the monthly disbursement has returned to the scheduled 1/12th monthly payment in full, and all prior monthly disbursements have been made whole.

(3) First Disbursement. Not more than 10 Days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, the Commonwealth shall make the first disbursement of the Contribution to WMATA in a lump sum that equals the lesser of (a) 1/12th of the Contribution times the number of months that would have been paid if this Agreement had been executed on July 1, 2018 or (b) the balance of the funds in the WMATA Capital Fund as of March 31, 2019.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if at any time the Commonwealth determines that the funds collected in the WMATA Capital Fund will not be sufficient to pay in full the Contribution, the following shall occur: (a) the

Commonwealth shall notify WMATA in writing that the available funds are expected to be insufficient to satisfy the current Contribution amount; (b) the written notification shall include a new Contribution amount; and (c) the remaining monthly payments for that year combined with the payments made prior to notification of the new Contribution amount shall not exceed the new Contribution amount.

If such notification occurs, the Parties agree to meet with representatives from Maryland and the District of Columbia to determine an appropriate course of action with respect to the annual CIP budget commitments. Under no circumstance will the Commonwealth be obligated under this Agreement to pay more than what is contained in the WMATA Capital Fund.

(5) The percentage of funding provided by the Commonwealth for its share of the WMATA CIP funding pursuant to this Agreement shall be 30.9%. On an annual basis, this percentage shall be applied to no more than \$500 million of the annual WMATA CIP each year to calculate the Contribution for that Fiscal Year. For Fiscal Year 2019 only, the Contribution shall be \$121,300,000.

C. General. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to obligate the Commonwealth to have, as of the Effective Date, funding or an appropriation in the full amount of the Contribution. Subject to allocation and appropriation, the Commonwealth shall be solely responsible for the Contribution. The Commonwealth commits, subject to its constitutional or legally equivalent provisions and throughout the term of this Agreement, to use all reasonable efforts including, but not limited to, a request by the responsible official to include the Contribution in the Commonwealth's annual proposed budget or other financial submission to its fiscal authority and to pursue all legally available means

to secure the necessary and appropriate budget, legislative, appropriation, and allocation actions in order to obtain funding in the full amount of its Contribution.

SEC. 5 WMATA RESPONSIBILITY

- A. WMATA shall apply the Commonwealth's Contribution under this Agreement to items identified in the approved CIP.
- B. WMATA shall not use Restricted Funds for the payment of, or security for, debt service on bonds or other indebtedness of WMATA. WMATA may use Non-Restricted Funds for the payment of, or as a pledge of security for, debt service on bonds or other indebtedness of WMATA.
- C. Provide information to NVTC. WMATA shall provide information to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("NVTC") as required by Section 33.2-3402 of the Code. Upon reasonable request, WMATA shall provide information, reports, and other data to NVTC consistent with Section 33.2-3403 of the Code so that NVTC can report to the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly by November 1 of each year.
- D. Upon reasonable request from DRPT, WMATA shall provide information necessary for the CTB to meet its obligations under Code Section 33.2-3400, et seq., and the requirements set forth in the CTB resolution dated September 18, 2018, included as Attachment A to this Agreement.
- E. Reporting. At the end of every quarter, WMATA shall prepare, and submit to the Commonwealth, a report on WMATA financials of the preceding quarter in the same form as submitted to the WMATA Board of Directors. WMATA shall submit the report to the Commonwealth no later than 45 Days following the close of the quarter. Such

report shall contain a roll forward of the balance in the Restricted Funds account and Non-Restricted Funds account held by WMATA.

- F. Interest on Payments. Interest shall accrue on all deposits made by the Commonwealth into the Restricted Funds account and the Non-Restricted Funds account at WMATA until the funds are expended. The Restricted Funds account and the Non-Restricted Funds account at WMATA shall be interest bearing, with interest pursuant to the applicable WMATA interest policy.
- G. Limitation. The borrowing authority authorized by this Section 5 may not be used by the Commonwealth to satisfy its funding obligations under this Agreement.

SEC. 6 Final Distribution. In the event that this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 8 of this Agreement, any amounts remaining on hand at WMATA at the termination of this Agreement, except for any amounts incurred but not drawn, shall be credited or refunded to the Commonwealth, as directed by the Commonwealth.

SEC. 7 Financial Records.

- A. Maintenance of Records. During the term of this Agreement, WMATA agrees to maintain complete accounting records which are consistent with generally accepted governmental accounting procedures and which accurately reflect all income and expenditures of funds which may be provided under this Agreement. WMATA will retain all such CIP records for the same period that records are required to be kept for the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) or other federal grants, unless there is an outstanding written Commonwealth or FTA financial or audit question, which is not resolved by the Commonwealth or FTA auditor. The records of WMATA must be in

sufficient detail to determine the character and timing of fund items and of contract obligation and expenditure transactions authorized by this Agreement.

B. Audits

(1) Timing for Performance. The Commonwealth or its agent may engage a third party to perform an audit of WMATA's expenditures of funds and the sources of those funds provided by this Agreement. The request for the performance of such audit may cover a period of up to three audited fiscal years immediately preceding such request. Any such audit shall be commenced within 60 days after the date of the request and shall be completed (to the maximum extent practicable) within 180 days after the date it is commenced. The Commonwealth or its authorized agent will assume all financial responsibility for any costs associated with the performance of such audit, exclusive of WMATA's internal costs. WMATA agrees to cooperate fully with the Commonwealth or its authorized agent in the conduct of any such audit carried out in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) Audit Results. If it is determined by the third party auditor as a result of such audit under this section that funds provided by the Commonwealth have not been administered pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement or contrary to law, WMATA shall make appropriate accounting adjustments to the Restricted Funds account or the Non-Restricted Funds account; or remit payment due to the Commonwealth. The audit rights provided under this paragraph shall survive for three audited fiscal years from the termination date of this Agreement and shall not limit any other rights of the Commonwealth under this Agreement.

SEC. 8 NON-COMPLIANCE & TERMINATION

In the event either Party determines that the other Party to the Agreement is not satisfactorily complying with the terms of this Agreement, the complaining Party shall notify the other Party in writing of its complaint and the basis for it. The Parties agree to use all reasonable efforts to resolve any such issues which arise under or otherwise relate to this Agreement. If the Parties, at staff level, cannot resolve such matters through initial discussions within 30 Days after receipt of the written notification, then executive level staff of each Party shall meet to resolve the matter within 60 additional Days. If no satisfactory resolution is achieved, either Party may, upon 30 Days' notice to the other Party, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part.

SEC. 9 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

A. By WMATA. WMATA makes the following representations as of the Effective Date of this Agreement as a basis for the undertakings pursuant to this Agreement:

- (1) WMATA has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and to carry out its obligations hereunder;
- (2) When executed and delivered by the Commonwealth and by WMATA, this Agreement will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of WMATA enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability is limited by annual appropriations, allocations, bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- (3) WMATA procurement contracts in connection with the Capital Improvement Program shall be administered pursuant to the applicable WMATA procurement requirements and the WMATA Code of Ethics.

B. By the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth makes the following representations as of the Effective Date of this Agreement as a basis for the undertakings pursuant to this Agreement:

(1) The Commonwealth has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and to carry out its individual obligations hereunder;

(3) When executed and delivered by the Commonwealth and by WMATA, this Agreement will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Commonwealth enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability is limited by annual appropriations, allocations, bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

SEC. 10 EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. Effective Date. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of execution by the last signatory to this Agreement.

B. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in identical counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which shall constitute, collectively, one agreement.

C. Term. The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall automatically renew each July 1 unless one Party provides written notice requesting to amend or modify the agreement at least 90 Days prior to July 1.

SEC. 11 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

The Parties to this Agreement do not intend any non-signatory to this Agreement or any other third party to be a third-party beneficiary to this Agreement, nor do the Parties intend for

any such third party to have any rights or benefits under this Agreement or to have standing to bring an action or claim in any court or other forum to enforce any provision of this Agreement.

SEC. 12 AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended or modified only by written agreement duly executed by both Parties.

SEC. 13 NOTICES

All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or served when presented personally, electronically, or sent by the U.S. Postal Service or by a courier service or national overnight delivery service, to any Party as follows:

To the Commonwealth of Virginia acting by and through the
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation:

Director
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219

with a copy to:

Chief of Public Transportation
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219

and

Chief Financial Officer
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, VA 23219

To the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority:

General Manager

600 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

with copies to:

General Counsel
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street, N.W., Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Chief Financial Officer
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street, NW, Sixth Floor
Washington, DC 20001

SEC. 14 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the Commonwealth and WMATA.

SEC. 15 NO DEBT GUARANTEES

The Commonwealth does not guarantee the debt of WMATA or any obligation of WMATA.

SEC. 16 REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, all obligations of the Commonwealth are subject to discretionary annual appropriation and allocation of funds by the governing body thereof or other appropriate legislative body thereof and shall be consistent with the anti-deficiency laws applicable to the Commonwealth.

SEC. 17 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES: WMATA warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for WMATA, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for

WMATA, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, or other considerations, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

B. SPECIAL CAPITAL PROVISIONS:

(1) WMATA shall permit the DRPT or its authorized representatives to inspect at any reasonable time, with reasonable prior notice and subject to WMATA safety requirements, all vehicles, facilities and equipment purchased or constructed by WMATA as part of the CIP with Restricted Funds or Non-Restricted Funds; and all transportation services rendered by WMATA using such vehicles, facilities or equipment.

(2) With respect to vehicles, facilities, and equipment purchased or constructed by WMATA as part of the CIP, WMATA shall maintain, in accordance with applicable laws, such insurance or self-insurance as will be adequate to protect such vehicles, facilities and equipment, and persons using such vehicles, facilities and equipment, throughout WMATA's ownership and use of such vehicles, facilities and equipment.

C. APPLICABLE LAW:

(1) This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of the Commonwealth's or WMATA's sovereign immunity.

(2) The Parties acknowledge and agree that each shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and ordinances. Nothing in this Agreement shall require WMATA to violate the WMATA Compact or applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances, or require the Commonwealth to violate any applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances.

D. SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS: If any term or provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the legality or

validity or enforceability of any other part of this Agreement, and the remaining parts of this Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties.

E. RECITALS: The Recitals are incorporated and made a part of this Agreement.

F. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:

(1) WMATA shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Commonwealth and DRPT, and their directors, officers, agents, and employees, from and against all claims, suits, judgments, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of every name and description, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, brought by any third party arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with any negligent act or omission by WMATA, its contractors, subcontractors, agents, or employees, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, relating to any CIP work covered by this Agreement.

(2) WMATA shall either be sufficiently self-insured or carry insurance to cover the risks for WMATA, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable related to any CIP work covered by this Agreement. WMATA shall require all commercial insurance policies obtained by WMATA to satisfy its obligations under this section to list the Commonwealth, DRPT, and their respective officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds. WMATA certifies that as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, all commercial insurance and self-insurance lists the Commonwealth, DRPT, and their respective officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds. WMATA shall not remove the Commonwealth, DRPT, or their respective officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds for any self-insurance without the written consent of the Commonwealth.

(3) In the event WMATA receives notice from an insurer that any insurance policy is going to be, or has been, subject to cancellation, nonrenewal, or material adverse changes to the insurance contract, WMATA shall provide DRPT with prompt notice. WMATA shall provide 30-days advance written notice to DRPT of any cancellation or material adverse change to any self-insurance.

(4) For all self-insurance and commercial insurance, WMATA shall provide Certificates of Insurance listing the Commonwealth, DRPT, and their respective officers, agents, and employees, as Additional Insureds.

(5) In lieu of carrying insurance for its agents, contractors or subcontractors, WMATA may require all its agents, contractors or subcontractors who perform any CIP work or activity of any type to carry insurance sufficient to cover the risks for all damage to persons and property due to CIP work under this Agreement. However, such insurance does not relieve WMATA of the burden of being self-insured and/or carrying insurance to cover the actions of its employees. WMATA shall require of its agents, contractors, and subcontractors that the Commonwealth, DRPT, and their respective officers, agents, and employees, are identified as Additional Insureds on all such insurance policies obtained in lieu of WMATA providing such insurance for its agents, contractors or subcontractors, and WMATA shall require that its agents, contractors, and subcontractors provide Certificates of Insurance listing the Commonwealth, DRPT and their respective officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds for any such insurance policies.

(6) Payment of any funds by DRPT shall not waive any of the rights of DPRT contained in this section nor release WMATA from any responsibilities or duties contained in this Agreement.

(7) The obligations of this section shall survive the termination of this Agreement for the life of the assets purchased with the funding provided or for 20 years after termination, whichever is longer.

[signatures appear on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WMATA and the Commonwealth have executed this Agreement on
this 1 day of May, 2019.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Attest:


Secretary
Witness

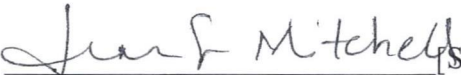
By:

 [Seal]
Dennis Anosike
Chief Financial Officer

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Attest:


Witness

By:  [Seal]
Jennifer Mitchell
Director



**ATTACHMENT A – Commonwealth Transportation Board
Resolution Dated September 18, 2018**





COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

Shannon Valentine
Chairperson

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Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Seconded By: Action:

Title: Approval of Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of Governance and Funding Reforms for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), and the jurisdictions that comprise the NVTC, who provide local funding and receive transit service from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), are mutually interested in the success of the WMATA; and

WHEREAS, WMATA was established pursuant to an interstate compact between Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to operate a regional mass transit system in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, NVTC was founded in part to represent the interests of the Commonwealth of Virginia during the establishment of WMATA; and

WHEREAS, NVTC's member jurisdictions – the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax and the counties of Arlington and Fairfax – are the current WMATA Compact funding partners, with Loudoun County to become a funding partner in advance of the start of operations on Phase 2 of the Silver Line; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-1936 of the *Code of Virginia* establishes that the Northern Virginia Transportation District has unique needs and that the operation of the rapid heavy rail mass transportation system and the bus mass transportation system by WMATA provides particular and substantial benefit to the persons living, traveling, commuting, and working in the localities embraced by the NVTC; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-3401 of the *Code of Virginia*, pursuant to Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly, establishes a WMATA Capital Fund to provide Virginia's agreed upon share of regional dedicated capital funding to WMATA; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-1526.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, pursuant to Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly, restructures the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund so that 53.5 percent of its funds shall be annually allocated to NVTC for distribution to WMATA on behalf of its local jurisdictions for capital purposes and operating assistance ("Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund WMATA Allocation"), as determined by NVTC; and

WHEREAS, the enactment clauses of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to withhold funding available to WMATA pursuant to Section 33.2-1526.1(C)(3) of the *Code of Virginia* Allocation under the following conditions:

1. The seventh enactment requires the CTB shall withhold 20 percent of the funds available if (i) any alternate directors participate or take action at an official WMATA Board meeting or committee meeting as Board directors for a WMATA compact member when both directors appointed by that same WMATA Compact member are present at the WMATA Board meeting or committee meeting or (ii) the WMATA Board of Directors has not adopted bylaws that would prohibit such participation by alternate directors.
2. The eighth enactment requires that, beginning July 1, 2019, the CTB shall withhold 20 percent of the funds available each year unless (i) WMATA has adopted a detailed capital improvement program covering the current fiscal year and, at a minimum, the next five fiscal years, and at least one public hearing on such capital improvement program has been held in a locality embraced by the NVTC; and (ii) WMATA has adopted or updated a strategic plan within the preceding 36 months, and at least one public hearing on such plan or updated plan has been held in a locality embraced by the NVTC. The first strategic plan adopted to comply with such requirements shall include a plan to align services with demand and to satisfy the other recommendations included in the report submitted pursuant to Item 436 R of Chapter 836 of the Acts of Assembly of 2017.
3. The first enactment requires that, in any year that the total Virginia operating assistance in the approved WMATA budget increases by more than 3 percent from the total operating assistance in the prior year's approved WMATA budget, the Board shall withhold an amount equal to 35 percent of the funds available. The following items shall not be included in the calculation of any WMATA budget increase: (i) any service, equipment, or facility that is required by any applicable law, rule, or regulation; (ii) any capital project approved by the WMATA Board before or after the effective date of this provision; and (iii) any payments or obligations of any kind arising from or related to legal disputes or proceedings between or among WMATA and any other person or entity.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the CTB, NVTC, and the jurisdictions that are WMATA Compact funding partners to ensure that WMATA receives the full allocation of funding from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund that is distributed by the NVTC on behalf of its jurisdictions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the following policy and guidelines to govern future Board decisions related to the Governance and Funding Reforms for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia in 2018:

Participation by Alternate Directors of the WMATA Board (Enactment Clause 7 of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly)

1. The CTB shall withhold funding if the WMATA Board of Directors has not adopted bylaws that prohibit the participation of alternate directors specified in clause (ii) of Enactment Clause 7.
2. When determining whether to withhold funding in response to an action taken by an alternate director that is prohibited by clause (i) of Enactment Clause 7, the CTB shall consider the following as prohibited activities by alternate directors at an official WMATA Board or committee meeting (unless the alternate director is acting in the absence of a Board director who serves on the committee): (i) participating in the discussion among Board directors; (ii) making or seconding a motion; (iii) voting on motions, resolutions or other Board actions; (iv) being counted toward the required quorum; (v) attendance or participation in any Executive Session of the WMATA Board or its committees; (vi) any action in violation of WMATA Bylaws in regards to the activities of alternate directors. Attendance by alternate directors at official WMATA Board or committee meetings, excluding Executive Sessions, shall not be a basis for withholding funding, nor shall the provision of information or reports to directors at a WMATA committee meeting in response to a request to do so by the director chairing the committee meeting.
3. WMATA shall provide a written notification to the CTB by July 1 of each year that it has adopted bylaws that prohibit the participation of alternate directors specified in clause (ii) of Enactment Clause 7 and that no violations of the bylaws by alternate directors have occurred during the previous year.
4. WMATA shall immediately notify the CTB in writing if a violation of its bylaws by an alternate director or some other action prohibited by this CTB policy occurs.

Adoption of a Detailed Capital Improvement Program (Enactment Clause 8(i) of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly)

1. The CTB shall withhold funding if:
 - a. Beginning July 1, 2019, WMATA has not annually adopted or updated by July 1 of each year a detailed capital improvement program covering the current fiscal year and the next five fiscal years, including projections of funding sources and uses for the six-year period.
 - b. Beginning July 1, 2019, WMATA has not annually held by July 1 of each year at least one public hearing on such capital improvement program held in a locality embraced by the NVTC.
2. WMATA shall provide a written notification to the CTB by July 1 of each year that it has: (i) adopted a capital improvement program that complies with the above requirements; and (ii) held a public hearing on the capital improvement program in a locality embraced by the NVTC.

Adoption or Update of a Strategic Plan (Enactment Clause 8(ii) of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly)

1. The CTB shall withhold funding if:
 - a. Beginning July 1, 2019, the WMATA Board has not adopted or updated a strategic plan within the preceding 36 months. After submission of the first strategic plan, WMATA must submit updated plans every 3 years thereafter.
 - b. Beginning July 1, 2019, WMATA has not held at least one public hearing on such strategic plan held in a locality embraced by the NVTC.
2. The first strategic plan adopted to comply with such requirements shall include a plan to align services with demand and to satisfy the other recommendations included in the report submitted pursuant to Item 436 R of Chapter 836 of the Acts of Assembly of 2017.
3. WMATA shall provide a written notification to the CTB by July 1 of the year of any strategic plan update that it has: (i) adopted or updated a strategic plan that complies with the above requirements; and (ii) held a public hearing on the strategic plan or strategic plan update in a locality embraced by the NVTC.

3% Cap on Growth in Total Virginia Operating Assistance (Enactment Clause 1 of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly)

1. The CTB shall withhold funding if:
 - a. The total operating subsidy for Virginia in the current year approved WMATA budget increases (effective July 1) by more than 3 percent over the prior year approved WMATA budget (as of June 30).

2. The following items shall not be included in the calculation of any WMATA budget increase:
 - a. Any service, equipment, or facility that is required by any applicable law, rule, or regulation.
 - i. Includes, but is not limited to, compliance with any safety directives to WMATA issued by the Metrorail Safety Commission (MSC), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) or any other relevant safety oversight agency; actions taken to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and actions taken to comply with Title VI requirements.
 - b. Any major capital project approved by the WMATA Board before or after the effective date of this provision.
 - i. Includes operating subsidy increases related to major capital projects that improve WMATA's state of good repair, support a major system expansion project (such as the planned Potomac Yard Metrorail Station in Alexandria and the Silver Line Metrorail Phase 2 project in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties), and respond to service disruptions caused by implementation of approved capital projects to address state of good repair needs or from emergency system shutdowns.
 - c. Any payments or obligations of any kind arising from or related to legal disputes or proceedings between or among WMATA and any other person or entity.
 - d. Operating subsidies for specific WMATA transit services that are funded in whole by one or more WMATA member jurisdictions and/or from other non-WMATA funding sources.
 - e. Regularly-scheduled adjustments of the inputs to the regional subsidy allocation formulas by WMATA.
3. WMATA shall provide a written notification to the CTB no later than July 1 of each year of the annual growth in total Virginia operating assistance, including a detailed description of the costs contributing to the increased operating subsidy and a year over year comparison of such costs. WMATA shall also provide a detailed description and justification of costs considered exempt from the calculation of the annual growth rate in operating subsidy. The written notification shall include sufficient documentation to allow the CTB to perform its own verification of the annual growth rate and amount of total Virginia operating assistance.
4. By July 1 of each year, WMATA shall notify the CTB if it is scheduled or plans to adjust the regional subsidy allocation formulas in the budget to be proposed for the next fiscal year.

Resolution of Withholding of Funds

1. The CTB will release any withheld funding upon approval or implementation of an approved mitigation action.
 - a. The CTB will determine what constitutes an approved mitigation action, except that approval by the WMATA Board of a budget amendment reducing the amount of annual operating assistance required by Virginia to no more than 3 percent greater than the prior year shall be considered an approved mitigation action for a violation of the restriction related to the 3% cap on growth in Virginia operating assistance.
2. The CTB shall retain as a penalty any funding withheld during a fiscal year in response to a violation for which there is no mitigation.

Additional Considerations

1. The CTB, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), WMATA, the NVTC, and NVTC's member jurisdictions shall proactively collaborate to avoid activities that would require the CTB to withhold funding.
2. WMATA shall submit the documents required to demonstrate compliance to DRPT by the deadlines specified. DRPT will analyze the information received from WMATA and present to the CTB, in September of each year (beginning in 2019), a recommendation on enforcement actions, if any, that are required to be taken by this policy.
3. DRPT will provide regular reports to the CTB on observations related to compliance with this policy throughout the year.
4. After November 1 of each year, the NVTC shall present to the CTB the findings included in its report on the performance and condition of WMATA required under Section 33.2-3403 of the *Code of Virginia*.
5. The CTB reserves the right to approve exceptions to this policy at any time in response to special or extraordinary circumstances.
6. Given that the condition of the WMATA system may change over time, the CTB will consider revisions and/or updates to these guidelines every two years.

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CTB Decision Brief

Title: **Approval of Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of Governance and Funding Reforms for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)**

Issue: The enactment clauses of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly require the CTB to withhold funding available to WMATA pursuant to Section 33.2-1526.1(C)(3) under certain conditions. The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) recommends that the CTB approve the proposed policy and guidelines for determining the conditions under which it must withhold funding from WMATA.

Facts: During the 2018 session, the General Assembly established a new WMATA Capital Fund to provide Virginia's share of new regional dedicated capital funding to WMATA. The same legislation restructured the Mass Transit Trust Fund (MTTF) so that 53.5% of the funding from the MTTF shall be allocated to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) each year for distribution to WMATA on behalf of its member jurisdictions. The legislation also included a number of required reforms and conditions with which WMATA must comply to receive its full amount of annual funding from the Commonwealth. WMATA shall submit the documents required to demonstrate compliance to DRPT each year. The CTB is charged with determining WMATA's compliance with the required reforms and conditions and shall withhold funding in instances of non-compliance as specified in the legislation. The CTB may also restore funding when WMATA returns to a state of compliance. As the funding to be withheld from WMATA for occasions of non-compliance shall be deducted from the annual allocation from the MTTF to the NVTC, DRPT consulted extensively with NVTC in the development of the proposed Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of Governance and Funding Reforms for WMATA. The proposed policy and guidelines will assist the CTB in performing an objective annual review of WMATA's compliance with the required reforms and conditions.

Recommendation: DRPT recommends that the CTB approve the proposed Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of Governance and Funding Reforms for WMATA.

Action Required by CTB: Approval of the attached resolution adopting the proposed Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of Governance and Funding Reforms for WMATA as an official CTB policy.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer.