

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION FOR BOARD MEMBER JAMES W. DYKE

COMMENDATION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, James W. "Jim" Dyke, a member representing the Commonwealth of Virginia on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors, will conclude his service effective February 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, even before his service on the WMATA Board of Directors, Mr. Dyke contributed immeasurably to the strengthening of Metro's governance as Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments'/Greater Washington Board of Trade's Joint WMATA Governance Review Task Force, which was convened in June 2010 and issued its final report in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia endorsed the Task Force's final report, "Moving Metro Forward," in November 2010 and laid out a joint plan to enhance the Board's governance role; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyke began his service on the WMATA Board in January 2012 as the first Board member to directly represent the Commonwealth of Virginia on the Board, in recognition of the Commonwealth's significant interest and investment in Metro; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Dyke officially represented the Commonwealth of Virginia on the Metro Board, he was often called on to be Metro's ambassador in all three jurisdictions because of his years of work on regional issues, a role he performed ably and with grace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyke served as the Chair of the Board's Governance Committee in 2013 and 2014;

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Dyke's leadership of the Governance Committee, the Board undertook a sustained and thorough examination of Metro's governance, resulting in significant revisions to its Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyke also led the Board through substantial revisions to its *Code of Ethics*, aligning language in the new *Code* with that suggested by the Department of

Transportation's Inspector General, in order to ensure that the Board holds itself to the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyke served on the Board at the time of the opening of Metro's Silver Line, the largest expansion in Metro's history, adding a new color to the Metro map for the first time since 1991's opening of the Green Line and bringing rail transit to Mr. Dyke's hometown of Reston, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyke is a champion of *Momentum*, Metro's strategic plan and tirelessly advocated throughout the region for funding to support this plan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dyke is known by his colleagues on the Board for his collegiality and for ensuring that all points of view are recognized and heard during discussions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors offers its sincere gratitude to Jim Dyke for his service and leadership as a member of the WMATA Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors commends Jim Dyke for his dedication to developing and enhancing Metro's leadership and governance and for his role in expanding Metro services to the residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Downs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line above the first name.

Tom Downs
Chairman of the Board