

SUBJECT: ENHANCED REGIONAL BUS NETWORK

PROPOSED
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has endorsed a list of projects seeking funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support high priority infrastructure improvements on the Metrorail, MetroAccess and Metrobus systems to be implemented by Metro; and

WHEREAS, The Metrobus Priority Corridor Network is viewed as a critically needed component of a future enhanced regional bus network that will include a true family of bus services – ranging from local bus routes and circulators, up to long-distance express bus routes operating on the regional High Occupancy Vehicle and freeway system; and

WHEREAS, Defining the scope of regional transit investments requires Metro to assume a leadership role to ensure that recommendations encompass projects, services and facilities of regional importance and priority; and

WHEREAS, The 24 Priority Network Corridors selected for planning and implementation over the next six years are a priority for bus running-way improvements because they represent nearly half of Metrobus ridership and a significant portion of the current bus service investment; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff has been working closely with the Transportation Planning Board members and staff to develop a proposal for a regional grant application for Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding including a package of bus improvements such as bus lanes and roadway improvements that improve the speed and reliability of bus service that benefit Metro and other transit service providers; now, therefore be it

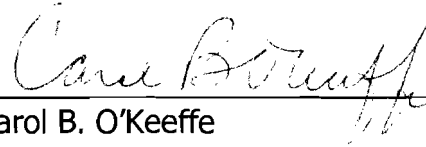
RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors directs Metro staff to take a leadership role on behalf of Metro in developing a regional application for bus prioritization investments under the Federal economic stimulus legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors defines this leadership role to include advocacy not only for Metrobus services but also improvements of regional significance that benefit Metro and other transit service providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors conveys to the Transportation Planning Board its support for the development of a regional application for enhanced regional bus projects, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol B. O'Keeffe", is written over a horizontal line.

Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel