

SUBJECT: WMATA BOARD MEMBER MARY HYNES

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

WHEREAS, Mary Hynes has faithfully represented the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Arlington County on the Metro Board of Directors since January 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hynes has served on several of the Board's Committees during her tenure, including Governance, Customer Service and Operations, Finance and Administration, the 2025 Committee and Planning, Program Development and Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hynes also served in several committee leadership positions, including as Vice-Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee in 2013 and 2014, as Chair of the 2025 Committee in 2014 and as Chair of the Governance Committee in 2011 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, during 2011, Mary Hynes led the newly created Governance Committee in developing the first set of Board Bylaws and *Code of Ethics* responding to the recommendations of the Joint WMATA Governance Review Task Force convened by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Greater Washington Board of Trade and to the recommendations from the three transportation departments; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hynes again served as Chair of the Governance Committee in 2015, focusing the Committee's work on updates and revisions to the Board's Bylaws and *Code of Ethics*; and

WHEREAS, with a strong commitment to regionalism and while serving as Chair of the 2025 Committee, Mary Hynes guided the Board in adopting Metro's *Momentum* Strategic Plan, and then led outreach efforts to build support for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the regional transit advocacy on the Metro Board, while serving on the Arlington County Board, Mrs. Hynes also was a strong advocate for the Arlington Transit (ART) service, which resulted in enhanced transit options for travel in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her regional leadership, Mary Hynes was selected as the 2013 recipient of the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award, noting her role in championing the connection between development and affordable housing and promoting regional transportation planning, including the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Region Forward vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service on the Arlington County Board, Mrs. Hynes served on the Arlington School Board for 12 years, including three times as chair; and

WHEREAS, Mary Hynes will conclude her service on the Metro Board of Directors effective December 31, 2015; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors offers its sincere gratitude to Mary Hynes for her distinguished service and leadership as a member of the WMATA Board of Directors and for her decades of public service to the region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors commends Mary Hynes for her dedication to providing the best service for WMATA customers and for advocating regional policies that will improve the quality of life for residents of Arlington County and the entire Washington region.



Mortimer L. Downey
Chair