SUBJECT: WMATA BOARD MEMBER LUCINDA BABERS

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

WHEREAS, Lucinda Babers has faithfully represented the District of Columbia on the Metro Board of Directors from May 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Babers has announced her retirement from service to the District of Columbia and will be stepping down from the Metro Board effective July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board, Ms. Babers served as the Board's First Vice Chair and the Vice Chair of its Executive Committee and Finance and Capital Committee; and

WHEREAS, in combining her roles as both a Metro Board member and the District's Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure, Ms. Babers occupied a unique position to simultaneously champion Metro's and the District's interests on projects such as dedicated bus lanes and bus lane enforcement, joint development and Metro fare policy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Babers, as Vice Chair of the Board's Finance and Capital Committee, played a crucial role in the development and adoption of Metro's FY2024 budget, which will implement the most sweeping changes to Metro's fare structure and service levels since the system's creation, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Babers lent her leadership, vision and customer-focused transportation expertise to the development of Metro's Strategic Transformation Plan, "Your Metro, the Way Forward, and;

WHEREAS, as the Board's First Vice Chair and member of its Executive Committee, she provided key expertise and guidance to the selection panel for Metro's new General Manager and Chief Executive Officer; and finally be it

*RESOLVED,* That the WMATA Board of Directors offers its sincere gratitude to Lucinda Babers for her service and leadership as a member of the WMATA Board of Directors; and be it further

*RESOLVED,* That the WMATA Board of Directors commends Lucinda Babers for her dedication to providing the best service for WMATA customers and the region.

Paul Smedberg, Chair