

SUBJECT: RIDERS' ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER AND CHAIR BARBARA HERMANSON

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

WHEREAS, Barbara Hermanson has faithfully represented the interests of riders from Virginia and around the Washington region on the Riders' Advisory Council since May 2012; and

WHEREAS, early in her tenure on the Council, Ms. Hermanson became a part of its leadership, serving as the Council's Virginia Vice Chair in 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hermanson continued to serve as part of the Council's leadership during two terms as the Council's Chair – in 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Council worked to strengthen the link between the Board and the RAC, including realigning the Council's committee structure to more closely match that of the Board; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the Council, Ms. Hermanson worked to position the Council as not only a resource for the Board, but also for Metro staff, including increasing the Council's participation in Metro's quarterly safety exercises; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hermanson brought an immense level of dedication to her role as Council chair, including regular attendance at Board and Committee meetings, to ensure that the Council was fully aware of the issues facing the Board and to look for opportunities for the Council to provide relevant input; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hermanson will conclude her service on the Council as of December 31, 2016; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors offers its sincere gratitude to Barbara Hermanson for her distinguished service and leadership as a member of the WMATA Riders' Advisory Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors commends Barbara Hermanson for her dedication, professionalism and work to ensure that riders are well-represented in all of Metro's decision-making.

Jack Evans, Chair