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Agenda item # New Business

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 16, 2016

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Kasprowicz, Seconded By: Mr. Dyke

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Emergency Authority to Allocate Certain Funds to provide for Supplemental Transit Operations in District 8 related to the March 16 shutdown of WMATA

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2016 an electrical incident at the McPherson Square station on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) metrorail service, prompted a major reduction in service to and from the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2016, the WMATA General Manager announced a 29-hour full shutdown of all metrorail service beginning at 12:00 AM March 16, continuing to 5:00 AM March 17, and;

WHEREAS, such closure of service has significant impact to Commonwealth residents and commuters who rely upon Metrorail, Metrobus, and other public transportation services throughout District 8, and;

WHEREAS, such closure of service also has significant congestion impacts to state traffic operations on highways and facilities in District 8, and;

WHEREAS, public transportation agencies in District 8 have increased service throughout this shutdown and beyond, and;

WHEREAS, major safety related closures may have additional travel impacts to District 8 beyond the 29-hour closure;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, hereby grants emergency authority to the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to allocate grant funding in excess of the \$200,000 level authorized in the FY 2016-21 Six Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) adopted June 17, 2015, to District 8 public transportation authorities to support increased service capacity to alleviate the WMATA Metrorail shutdown with said funding not to exceed \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) , and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such authority will expire on May 16, 2016, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation will notify the Commonwealth Transportation Board of grants made under this authority.

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