

## **Draft Federation Resolution on Dedicated funding for WMATA's Metro**

Whereas as WMATA's Metrorail system is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest heavy rail system in the country.

Whereas, in 2016 there were 206.4 million trips by residents, business travelers, commuters and tourists

Whereas, Metrorail is comprised of 118 miles and 91 stations, of which 50.5 miles and 47 stations are underground, 58.01 surface miles and 38 stations, and 9.22 aerial miles and 6 stations

Whereas, Metrorail is serviced by 613 escalators and 274 elevators

Whereas, Metrorail traverses through eight jurisdictions and competes yearly against other public spending priorities

Whereas, Metrorail funding relies on various annual subsidies from local governments, and fare and toll revenue

Whereas, Metrorail funding is unreliable and makes it difficult to plan for and allocate funding for long-term safety and performance improvements

Whereas, maintenance of Metrorail's operating systems, and technology upgrades are deferred due to inadequate and/or unreliable funding sources

Whereas, Metrorail experienced significant safety infractions, including derailment, constant system delays, and equipment failures

Whereas, the Federal Transit Administration issued a Corrective Action Plan and assumed temporary and direct safety oversight by the order of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Whereas, WMATA implemented a SafeTrack program, an accelerated track work plan to address safety recommendations and rehabilitate the Metrorail system to improve safety and reliability which includes station closures and reduced service hours

BE IT RESOLVED, diversifying funding for the Metrorail system to include a reliable stream of revenue will be critical for implementing a consistent safety program