



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 14-06

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director
DATE: October 24, 2013

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM USDOT FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S PASSENGER FERRY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission has been involved in coordinating a regional response to the 2005 Base Re-Alignment and Closure (BRAC); and

WHEREAS, transportation congestion has been identified as a major issue; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Ferry Stakeholders Group was formed to investigate the feasibility of a commuter ferry for the military and DOD civil servants and contractors as alternate transportation; and

WHEREAS, transportation management studies have shown that forty percent of the employees going to St. Elizabeth's campus for the Homeland Security Administration are from Alexandria and further south; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Ferry Stakeholders Group Market Analysis has identified this as one of the top four corridors in the study; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified grant resources available through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration's Passenger Ferry Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, NVRC's proposal seeks funding to provide for a commuter fast ferry from Jones Point Park in Alexandria to Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling to get people to use multimodal options rather than driving in single occupancy vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a commuter ferry may alleviate traffic congestion on Route 1, I-95/495 and I-295 while providing a more environmentally friendly commuter option, as well as having the ability to move people out of Washington, DC, during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has agreed to submit a grant application on behalf of NVRC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes submission, through VDOT, of a \$4,225,000 proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration under Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant program funds in support of the Discretionary Passenger Ferry Grant program.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on October 24, 2013.

G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer