



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 17-10

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro
Acting Executive Director
DATE: December 8, 2016

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AN AMERICA'S MARINE HIGHWAY PROGRAM AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD)

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

WHEREAS, as a growth community, Northern Virginia has identified transportation congestion as a major issue that makes it imperative to seek alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles traveling along I-95 and Route 1; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2013, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx designated the "M-495" Marine Highway, with the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers making up the "M-495 Marine Highway Crossing;" and

WHEREAS, In May 2014, the Federal Transit Administration allocated funding from its Passenger Ferry Grant Program to provide for two boats and two docks on the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis would be required prior to using the federal funding for the boats and docks; and

WHEREAS, in June 2015, NVRC released the Final Market Analysis Report for Commuter Ferry Service on the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers, prepared by subcontractor Nelson Nygaard Consulting Associates, which identified corridors connecting terminals with the potential for market viability, and which laid out recommendations; and

WHEREAS, as agreed by NVRC Resolution No. 16-24 adopted on May 26, 2016, the Commission sponsored submission of a \$300,000 proposal to MARAD for environmental, operations and implementation planning for fast ferry commuter service on the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the MARAD's Marine Highways Program has awarded the Northern Virginia Regional Commission \$173,361 to support planning efforts focused on an alternatives analysis, routes, and landing sites, along with completion of NEPA documentation; and

WHEREAS, said alternatives analysis would focus on service from Woodbridge to National Harbor, and to Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agrees to accept the award for the M-495 Potomac River Commuter Ferry Project in the amount of \$173,361, and authorizes the Acting Executive Director to execute the associated grant agreements, provided a viable work plan can be negotiated with MARAD for this reduced amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once the grant agreements are finalized with MARAD, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Acting Executive Director to execute a sole source subcontract with Nelson Nygaard Consulting Associates for specific professional and technical services needed to complete analytical work under the MARAD funding agreement, given Nelson/Nygaard's unique qualifications for this work, and since the company was named as an intended project partner in the Commission's funding proposal.

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 December 8, 2016.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER

