



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 17-17

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: May 25, 2017

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR M-495 COMMUTER FAST FERRY ON THE POTOMAC; PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE WOODBRIDGE TO JBAB/NATIONAL HARBOUR/SE SW DC

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission applied for designation of the "M-495 Marine Highway Crossing" that includes the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia River waterways as a marine highway system; and

WHEREAS, the designation was made in September 2013 by USDOT/Maritime Administration.

WHEREAS, In May 2014, NVRC/VDOT was awarded \$3.3 million from the Federal Transit Administration's Ferry Boat Program to purchase the vessels and infrastructure improvements necessary to start a ferry service on the designated Marine Highway, and

WHEREAS, In May 2015, Secretary Foxx recognized NVRC's work in advancing the Fast Ferry project by awarding the Commission with the Marine Highway Leadership Award, and

WHEREAS, In June 2015, NVRC released a market analysis report that identified specific corridors on the M-495 Marine Highway with potential for market viability, and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Marine Highway Program awarded NVRC \$173,361 to support planning efforts focused on the development of a new commuter fast ferry service on the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, completion of the environmental, operational and infrastructure assessments will require NVRC to engage an experienced consultant; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff issued a Request for Proposal receiving one qualified response, a Ferry Stakeholders Selection Panel have reviewed the proposal based on understanding the requirements of the infrastructure gap analysis; approach and work plan; management plan and timetable; project team qualifications and key personnel experience; prior experience with the project and understanding of the project in context to the National Capital Region; the firm experience, capabilities, references and other information related to NEPA documentation, Ferry transport and operations, and infrastructure gap analysis; and recommend engagement of Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Nelson\Nygaard to conduct a Project Development Phase Woodbridge to JBAB/National Harbor/SE SW DC infrastructure gap analysis for commuter fast ferry service on the Occoquan, Potomac and Anacostia Rivers for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, through December 31, 2017.

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 May 25, 2017.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER

