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Agenda item # New Business I

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 20, 2016

MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Garczynski, Seconded By: Mr. Dyke
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

Title: Commending Robert O. (Bob) Chase

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTa) was created in 1987 to serve as an advocacy group to promote greater citizen awareness of and involvement in regional transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, Robert O. (Bob) Chase has worked with the NVTa in varying capacities since its creation, including serving as president emeritus; and

WHEREAS, following his education at Brown University in 1967, Mr. Chase's longstanding interest in politics and public policy issues eventually brought him to the Northern Virginia region, where he engaged in a successful business career as a consultant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chase's decades living and working in the region, as well as his skills in communication, and consensus-building, as well as his reputation for candor and persuasiveness, made him an ideal advocate for a transportation infrastructure that is safe, convenient, and conducive to enhanced economic opportunities and improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, as a consultant to or official of the NVTa, and as a participant in regional planning and advisory organizations, Mr. Chase played a major role in advancing transportation projects and initiatives in the Washington, D.C. area, including the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, improvements to I-66, Techway, Virginia Railway Express, Dulles Greenway and the Route 28 Transportation District; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Chase's optimism for continued progress in developing a coordinated transportation network and enthusiasm for finding reasonable solutions to alleviate problems serves as encouragement that such progress will occur; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Chase for his tireless and dedicated service to the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board extend their highest commendation and appreciation to Mr. Chase for his years of outstanding service on behalf of the citizens of the Northern Virginia region and the Commonwealth as a whole and express their best wishes to him.

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CTB Decision Brief

Commending Robert O. (Bob) Chase

Issue: The Secretary of Transportation wishes to acknowledge the contributions of Robert O. (Bob) Chase, who is currently serving as president emeritus, during his tenure with the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTA).

Facts: The NVTA was created in 1987 to serve as a business/citizen advocacy group to promote greater citizen awareness of and involvement in regional transportation issues.

Mr. Chase has been associated with the NVTA in various capacities since its founding.

His longstanding familiarity with the region, background in business and public policy issues, interest in politics, and communication and problem-solving skills have uniquely equipped him to be an effective and persistent advocate for a well-planned, comprehensive transportation network in Northern Virginia.

He has been a key participant on many regional planning and advisory organizations, such as the Citizens Advisory Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Metropolitan Development Planning Committee, and the Policy Advisory Committees of the Fairfax and Loudoun County Chambers of Commerce.

Among the Washington, D.C. regional projects and initiatives he has been instrumental in advancing are: the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, improvements to I-66, Techway, Virginia Railway Express, Dulles Greenway and the Route 28 Transportation District.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the CTB approve the resolution commending Mr. Chase in recognition of his efforts to improve the transportation network in the Northern Virginia region.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for its consideration.

Result, if approved: Mr. Chase will be recognized formally by the Commonwealth for his dedication and service.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None.