

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 21-35

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

DATE: June 24, 2021

### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION (OLDCC), DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission has been involved in the coordination of a regional response to the transportation congestion as a result of the growth experienced during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), through development of alternative modes to single-occupancy vehicles traveling along I-95, I-395, I-295 and Route 1; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation designated the M-495 as a new Marine Highway in September 2013; with the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers making up the "M-495 Marine Highway Crossing;" and

WHEREAS, NVRC released the Final Market Analysis Report for Commuter Ferry Service on the Occoquan, Potomac, and Anacostia Rivers in June 2015, identifying corridors connecting terminals with the potential for market viability; and

WHEREAS, NVRC released the Infrastructure Gap Analysis Report in 2019 for development of a new commuter ferry service on the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, said alternatives analysis focused on service from Woodbridge, VA to Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling (JBAB), and then into SW/SE DC; and

WHEREAS, the next steps should provide development of a ferry operations and floating dock at JBAB; and

WHEREAS, a commuter ferry will alleviate traffic congestion on I-95, I-295, and Route 1; provide additional commuter transportation choices in lieu of few other alternatives; have the ability to move people out of Washington, DC, during emergency situations; meet the military value-, resiliency-, and military quality of life by providing a more environmentally friendly commuter option than building more highway lanes; provide cheaper options than building a new bridge over the Potomac; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agrees to authorize the Executive Director to apply to the Office of the Local Defense Community Cooperation for a Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant for up to \$3,000,000.00 to support the linkages from Woodbridge to Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling and SE/SW DC to address the congestion, military value, military installation resilience, and military family quality of life by alleviating installation commuter workforce issues and benefit the surrounding region.

#### **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 June 24, 2021.

  
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ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER

