

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002**

RESOLUTION HONORING WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION CEO DAVID MAYER

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the metropolitan Washington region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) in June 2018, David L. Mayer, Ph.D. has provided exemplary service to the metropolitan Washington region as the Commission's first Chief Executive Officer, leading the state safety oversight agency responsible for the safety of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Metrorail system; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure at the WMSC, Mayer has applied more than three decades of transportation safety expertise and leadership to advancing the safety of Metrorail, strengthening independent safety oversight, and supporting collaboration among WMATA, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, Mayer has guided the WMSC in carrying out its responsibility to identify and address safety concerns and promote a safer and more reliable transit system; and

WHEREAS, Mayer has helped establish and strengthen the WMSC as an important regional partner dedicated to ensuring the safety of Metrorail, providing independent oversight and technical expertise while working collaboratively with WMATA and the region's elected officials, transportation leaders, and safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the WMSC, Mayer served as the first-ever Chief Safety Officer of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), where he was responsible for enterprise-wide safety strategies to protect employees, customers, and the general public across a transportation system serving New York City and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, trained as a human factors specialist with a doctorate in experimental psychology from Rice University, Mayer has brought a multidisciplinary perspective to transportation safety and has worked on safety investigations and projects involving all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, as the first CEO Mayer is credited with building up the organization, staff and program to meet federal certification, creating the organization's first strategic plan, and has been recognized as a model for peer agencies across the country; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership of the WMSC, Mayer has helped advance the shared regional commitment to maintaining a safe Metrorail system, recognizing the importance of a safe, reliable, and effective transit system to the metropolitan Washington region's residents, workers, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Mayer's tenure as a thoughtful leader and dedicated transportation safety professional has helped advance the region's shared goal of a safer and more reliable Metrorail system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Board conveys its deep appreciation to David L. Mayer, Ph.D. for his years of service as the first CEO of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission and his contributions to ensure the safety of transit riders in the metropolitan Washington region.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Resolution R40-2026 was approved by the COG Board of Director on October 14, 2026 Kayla Joyner Government Relations Associate