

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO COMMENCE A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR I-395/95
 COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM LIST OF ELIGIBLE SCORED PROJECTS**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, The agreement between the Commonwealth and 95 Express Lanes LLC secured an annual payment for transit services of \$15 million per year, escalating by 2.5 percent per year, to fund multimodal projects along the I-395/95 corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Memorandum of Agreement between the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) for Distribution and Allocation of I-395 Annual Transit Investment Funds, adopted by both Commissions in January 2019, establishes that NVTC will administer the Commuter Choice program; and

WHEREAS, NVTC's April 4, 2019 FY2020 Call for Projects produced 17 eligible applications for a total of \$30.8 million in requests for projects designed to benefit toll payers in the I-395/95 corridor by expanding transportation capacity and options in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, NVTC staff has evaluated the 17 applications, and now seeks to open a one-month public comment period on the proposed projects and evaluation results in conjunction with PRTC; and

WHEREAS, NVTC expects to award up to \$22 million in funding for a 20-month program extending from the first day of I-395 Express Lanes tolling in October 2019 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, NVTC desires to complete the selection process outlined above and announce project selections prior to the first day of I-395 Express Lanes tolling in late October 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission hereby authorizes a public comment period to solicit input on the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY2020 List of Eligible Scored Projects, to extend from August 4 through September 6, 2019, including a public hearing at both NVTC's and PRTC's Commission meetings on September 5, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is contingent upon the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's approval of a comparable authorization.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting: