

*Region 20 – 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee
District of Columbia, State of Maryland and Northern Virginia*

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC or Commission”) is administratively holding twenty-four (“24”) 700 MHz narrowband (P25) frequency pairs in reserve, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission has released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in FCC 13-40 to determine if the twenty-four 700 MHz narrowband frequency pairs currently held in reserve should be released for an undefined purpose, and;

WHEREAS, 47 CFR §90.531 contains no provisions to provide spectrum to public safety users operating over wide areas in multiple states, and;

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) submitted a Petition for Waiver to the Commission on June 18, 2013, to use a certain number of the reserve 700 MHz narrowband channels, and;

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Committee Twenty (“Region 20”) is acutely aware of the potential for terrorism in major transportation facilities as well as the shortage of 700 MHz narrowband spectrum in the National Capital Region area as well as in central Maryland, and as such, believes that WMATA use would comply with 47 USC §337(f)(1), and;

WHEREAS, the membership of Region 20 met on July 31, 2013, in a regularly scheduled meeting announced to the public through the Commission’s Daily Digest as well as other media, discussed the WMATA Petition for Waiver to use the reserve channels recognizing the lack of spectrum in the NCR and endorsed this Petition unanimously;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Region 20 supports the Commission granting certain reserve 700 MHz narrowband spectrum to WMATA as such would be in the public interest and prays that the Commission will release the WMATA Petition for Waiver for General Public Comments and Reply Comments as soon as possible or take action pursuant to Section 1.925 of the Commission’s rules to grant the WMATA Petition.

Sincerely,

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