

RESOLUTION NO. 17-04

**ENDORING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON REGION TRANSPORTATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH REPORT**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Regional Commission (“the Commission”) serves as Planning District Commission for Planning District 16; and

WHEREAS, the Smart Scale program provides a transparent process for the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to select projects for funding and to allocate funds in the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is an eligible agency to submit project applications for 2016 Smart Scale funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Smart Scale process provides higher scores for projects that are specifically referenced in the regional economic development strategy (henceforth referred to as *George Washington Region Transportation Opportunities for Regional Economic Growth*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has not previously adopted a regional economic development strategy that analyzes the relationship between transportation and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Commission member jurisdiction staff have met with GWRC/FAMPO staff several times during the May to August, 2016 timeframe to develop the transportation project list for *George Washington Region Transportation Opportunities for Regional Economic Growth*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the George Washington Regional Commission that it hereby endorses the *George Washington Region Transportation Opportunities for Regional Economic Growth*.

Jeffery Black, Chairman

September 19, 2016