

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22

Approving Grant of Easement to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for Phase 1 Silver Line Rail Facilities on Airports Authority Property

WHEREAS, The Airports Authority is constructing the Phase 1 portion of the Metrorail Silver Line for acceptance by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA);

WHEREAS, Following its acceptance of Phase 1, WMATA will be the sole party responsible for the operation and maintenance of this portion of the Silver Line;

WHEREAS, As a condition to its acceptance of Phase 1 of the Silver Line, WMATA requires that it receives an appropriate property interest in the land on, under or above which these facilities are located;

WHEREAS, A portion of the Phase 1 facilities are located within Airports Authority land that is leased from the federal government, primarily in the median of the Dulles Connector Road between Interstate 66 and the Tysons Corner area, and in the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway between the Tysons Corner area and the western terminus of Phase 1 at Wiehle Avenue in Reston;

WHEREAS, In addition to the Phase 1 rail line, the Phase 1 facilities that are located within Airports Authority land include, without limitation, guideways, traction power substations, tiebreaker switches, pedestrian bridges, and utilities, including conduits and cable located in underground duct banks;

WHEREAS, The Airports Authority and WMATA have negotiated an easement that grants WMATA the right to operate and maintain, along with related rights, Phase 1 Silver Line facilities in the locations on Airports Authority land in which they have been constructed;

WHEREAS, This easement was presented to the Dulles Corridor Committee at its July 2013 meeting and, following its review, the Committee approved and recommended the easement's approval to the Board of Directors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the President and Chief Executive Officer is directed and authorized to execute, on behalf of the Airports Authority, the easement granting to WMATA the right to operate and maintain, along with related rights, the Phase 1 Silver Line facilities located on Airports Authority land as depicted in the easement, in substantially the form as presented to the Dulles Corridor Committee at its July 2013 meeting.

Adopted July 17, 2013