



**RESOLUTION NO. 11-8**

**Use of a Project Labor Agreement  
Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Extension**

WHEREAS, The Airports Authority is constructing a 23-mile extension of the existing Metrorail system, to be operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, from West Falls Church Station west through Washington Dulles International Airport to Ashburn, in Loudoun County ("the Project");

WHEREAS, The Authority and Dulles Transit Partners in March 2008 signed a fixed-price contract to build Phase 1 of the Project;

WHEREAS, Dulles Transit Partners negotiated a project labor agreement that has provided for a well trained and highly experienced workforce and has allowed for flexibility in addressing the working conditions necessary to construct an above-ground heavy rail project in the severely congested area of Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, A project labor agreement is made between a contractor and one or more labor organizations to establish the terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project. Under such an agreement, the labor organizations agree to use the dispute resolution procedure and to forego strikes and other work actions in the event of a disagreement;

WHEREAS, Project labor agreements ensure both schedule and budget certainty and enable the contractor to complete projects on schedule and in a cost-efficient manner;

WHEREAS, Dulles Transit Partners has reported to the Authority that the Phase 1 project labor agreement has provided a reliable, stable supply of trained and skilled union construction craft workers, and promoted safety, quality, and productivity, allowing the delivery of a cost-effective project on time and within budget;

WHEREAS, Dulles Transit Partners has also concluded that the agreement has provided for significant labor efficiencies, reduced the labor risks, and enabled it to provide the lowest cost to perform Phase 1 of the Project;

WHEREAS, Dulles Transit Partners has recommended to the Authority that a project labor agreement much like the one employed in Phase 1 also be utilized in Phase 2;

WHEREAS, The Authority continues to seek federal-aid funding from the Federal Transit Administration for Phase 2 and therefore seeks to keep the Phase 2 project compliant with federal requirements and preferences;

WHEREAS, The President in February 2009 issued Executive Order 13502, encouraging the use of project labor agreements on projects built with federal aid of more than \$25 million; and

WHEREAS, The Authority wishes to obtain the same benefits enjoyed during Phase 1 through the use of a project labor agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the benefits of the project labor agreement on the Metrorail project have been amply demonstrated;

2. That to assure timely, efficient and cost-effective construction, Phase 2 contracts should include such an agreement;

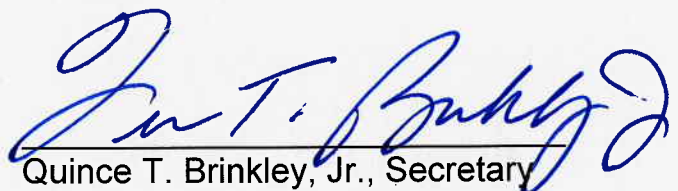
3. That the President and Chief Executive Officer is authorized and directed to include such an agreement, based as much as is practicable on the agreement used so effectively in Phase 1 of the Metrorail project, in procurement documents for Phase 2 of the project; and

4. That the President and Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Dulles Corridor [and Business Administration] Committees on how this Resolution will be implemented.

RECORDED VOTE

Members Present	<u>13</u>
Members in Favor	<u>11</u>
Members Against	<u>2</u>
Members Abstaining	<u>0</u>

Adopted April 6, 2011

  
Quince T. Brinkley, Jr., Secretary