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**BOARD MATTER**  
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**Endorsement of the National Park Service's Application for Funding through the FY 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program**

**Background:** Mr. Chairman, the National Park Service (Park Service) is seeking the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' support for an application for funding through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program offered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to support the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) North Section Rehabilitation Program.

The GWMP North Section Rehabilitation Project will reconstruct a 7.6-mile section of the GWMP from Spout Run Parkway to Interstate 495. The proposed project addresses serious deterioration of the Parkway and implements significant safety improvements. If funded, the Park Service plans to repave nearly eight miles of road along the parkway, repair storm water management systems to prevent erosion at drainage outfalls; and rehabilitate two historic, scenic overlooks. The roadway has experienced critical infrastructure failures in the last year, including a sinkhole resulting in \$1.6M in emergency work and travel restrictions exceeding 100 days. The proposed project will also include replacing guardrails, repairing walls, constructing new curbs, and building emergency turnarounds along the north end. In addition, work on the north section of the Parkway will address a significant part of the National Capital Region's \$1.7 billion dollar maintenance backlog, which includes over \$395 million for the Parkway alone.

This project will improve a critical link in the National Capital Region's transportation network while preserving the historical and cultural characteristics of the Parkway. These proposed improvements will increase the safety of visitors, while significantly extending the life of the Parkway.

**Motion:** Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the attached letter of support for the National Park Service's application for federal funding from the FY 2020 INFRA Grant Program.