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Statement by Michael Curto re: MWAA Travel Policies:

Since becoming Chairman of MWAA in January of this year, I along with other Board Members have had three clear priorities: enhanced transparency of MWAA's operations; improved cooperation with our local partners; and the completion of the Dulles rail project as quickly and cost effectively as possible.

As anyone who utilizes Reagan National and Dulles International Airports knows, these are exceptionally run, highly efficient facilities. The vast majority of the nearly 1,500 people who work at the airports come to work every day determined to do a great job. The Dulles rail system is also making great progress. Phase 1 of the project is nearing completion and we are working diligently with our local partners to expedite the plan for Phase 2.

My view of MWAA operations is that we should always be open to changes in our policies, procedures, and administrative processes that would improve the overall management of the airports and the construction of the rail system.

Accordingly, in response to the preliminary report of the Department of Transportation Inspector General, my fellow Board Members and I have asked the CEO, Jack Potter, and Board Secretary, Quince Brinkley, to conduct a thorough review of the travel policies of some of the nation's leading airport authorities. In addition, we have asked them to review the travel policies of some of the governmental entities in the Washington Metropolitan area. My fellow Board Members and I agree that our objective should be to have a model policy that serves the Authority well and engenders confidence in the communities we serve. We expect Jack and Quince to complete their review and present the Board with recommendations within the next 45 days.

With respect to Board Members travel, all indications are that Members have complied with current policies as it relates to conferences in the US or abroad. Nevertheless, the Board has concluded it would be prudent for the Authority to forgo any international travel until the policies are reviewed and updated as necessary. The one exception to this guideline relates to Air Service Planning and Development, whose core

responsibility is the development of business opportunities, both domestically and internationally.

Other actions the Board has taken in response to the IG preliminary report include:

1. Pending the review of travel policies, I have asked The Authority to suspend all international travel, with the exception of Air Service Planning and Development, whose core responsibility is the development of business relationships domestically and internationally. As a point of clarification, no Board Members have traveled internationally in the past 12 months.
2. Established an internal control group to review compliance with Authority policies and procedures;
3. Requested a review of the policy related to the retention of former employees and Board members;
4. Initiated a complete review of the Authority's sole source contracting policies;
5. Accelerated our ongoing review of policies relating to FOIA, financial disclosures, transparency guidelines and ethics.