

**MINUTES**  
**NVTC COMMISSION MEETING – MARCH 5, 2026**  
**FIRST FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 2300 WILSON BLVD.**  
**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

The meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was called to order by Chair Bagley at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present

Walter Alcorn  
Sarah Bagley  
James Bierman, Jr.  
Maureen Coffey  
Matt de Ferranti  
Allan Fye (Alternate, Commonwealth of Virginia)  
Takis Karantonis  
Catherine Read  
Rachna Sizemore Heizer  
David Snyder (Alternate, City of Falls Church) (*via electronic participation*)  
Daniel Storck  
Justine Underhill

Members Absent

Canek Aguirre  
Juli Briskman  
Darien B. Flowers  
Matt Letourneau  
Dalia Palchik

General Assembly Members Absent during Session

Paul Krizek  
Alfonso Lopez  
David Reid  
Saddam Azlan Salim

Staff and Others Present

Kate Mattice, Executive Director  
Jason Adle  
Shannon Bacon  
Genoveva Cutrell  
Matt Friedman  
Rhonda Gilchrest  
Sarah Godfrey  
Adam Hager  
Hwajung Kim  
Daniel Knickelbein  
Meg Johnson  
Ann McGrane  
Tenley O’Hara  
Sophie Spiliotopoulos  
Colie Touzel  
Melissa Walker  
Owen Williams

Aimee Perron Seibert (*via electronic participation*)  
MinhChau Corr (NVTC/VRE)  
Katie Choe (VRE)  
Adam Ebbin (former NVTC Commissioner)

## Opening Remarks

Chair Bagley welcomed everyone to the March 5, 2026 NVTC meeting and noted that the meeting is also being livestreamed on YouTube for the public. Board Administrator Rhonda Gilchrest confirmed an in-person quorum.

Chair Bagley stated that Mr. Snyder requested electronic participation for a personal reason as he is out of the country on business travel. Mr. de Ferranti moved, with a second by Mr. Alcorn, to approve Mr. Snyder's electronic participation. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Fye, Karantonis, Read, Storck and Underhill. The motion passed.

Chair Bagley provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Ms. Mattice reported that NVTC received 65 public comments for this month's meeting, which included 64 comments asking that NVTC request the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to study the feasibility of a "Rail With Trail" line from East Falls Church Metro to Purcellville along the W&OD trail right of way. One comment was against studying rail in the W&OD corridor given the existence of the Metro Silver Line. All the comments were provided to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

In response to a question from Ms. Underhill, Ms. Mattice stated that back in 1965 NVTC did a study of the W&OD corridor as part of the efforts of starting a regional Metrorail system. In response to a question from Ms. Underhill, Ms. Mattice stated that that the W&OD trail is now part of the Northern Virginia Parks Authority, so they probably would best know the history and feasibility of that corridor. Chair Bagley encouraged Ms. Underhill to reach out to the Parks Authority to seek more information.

Ms. Sizemore Heizer arrived and joined the meeting.

## New and Departing Commissioners

Oath of Office for New Commissioners. Chair Bagley formally welcomed City of Falls Church Councilmember Justine Underhill, who is now the city's principal Commissioner on NVTC. David Snyder will continue as an alternate and still serve in his role as immediate past chair. As Ms. Underhill is moving from an alternate to a principal Commissioner spot, there is no need to swear her in again.

Chair Bagley announced that Secretary of Transportation Nick Donohue has appointed DRPT Director Mariia Zimmerman and DRPT Chief Deputy Director Allan Fye to serve as alternates on NVTC representing the Commonwealth. Although Director Zimmerman could not attend the meeting as she is attending the PRTC meeting, Allan Fye is present. He is a familiar face as he was on staff at NVTC from 2018 to 2024 serving as director of programs and policy. On behalf of the entire Commission, Chair Bagley welcomed him back to NVTC. She then administered the ceremonial oath of office to Mr. Fye. Commissioners welcomed him to NVTC. (Mr. Fye was officially sworn in prior to the meeting.)

Mr. Fye stated that it is nice to be back at NVTC and looks forward to working with Commissioners in his new capacity at DRPT. Going forward, he noted that there will be good opportunities for DRPT to work alongside NVTC to make Northern Virginia and the rest of the Commonwealth thrive.

Recognition of Departing Commissioners. Chair Bagley stated that NVTC is saying goodbye to former Senator Adam Ebbin and a resolution of commendation was prepared for him. In January 2026, Senator Ebbin announced his intent to resign his Senate seat effective February 16 to join Governor Abigail Spanberger's administration and take up a senior advisory position with the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. Senator Ebbin served as a member of the General Assembly for 22 years, most recently serving as a member of the Virginia Senate since January 2012 representing Alexandria and portions of Arlington and Fairfax counties. Prior to that, he served eight years in the House of Delegates from 2004 to 2012. He served as the chair of the Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee (SJ 28), advocating for sustainable funding, cost containment measures and strategies to move the region toward a more integrated, seamless transit network.

Mr. Storck moved, with a second by Ms. Coffey, to approve the Resolution of Commendation for the Honorable Adam P. Ebbin on His Departure from NVTC.

Mr. Alcorn thanked Senator Ebbin for his leadership on the SJ 28 Subcommittee, which was phenomenal and provided a technical baseline to keep transit sustainable in Northern Virginia. There is still a lot of work to do, but Senator Ebbin laid the foundation. Mr. de Ferranti stated that Senator Ebbin has been a leader and mentor in the way he carried himself with his intellectual strength. Mr. Karantonis agreed with these comments and expressed his appreciation for Senator Ebbin's ability to translate the importance of Northern Virginia to the rest of the state and for the things he did for Arlington County. Mr. Storck added that Virginia has come a long way, but it came a long way in terms of equality for all and respect for all people, in part because of Senator Ebbin's leadership. Mr. Storck also acknowledged Senator Ebbin's leadership in transportation issues as well as cannabis issues. Ms. Read acknowledged Senator Ebbin's service to so many people and to the Commonwealth as he has left his imprint on so many things, including equality for all. She is excited for this new season for Senator Ebbin to do great things in his new role. She is proud to be his friend and colleague. Chair Bagley also noted that Senator Ebbin helped build a "bench" so Alexandria continues to be well represented in the General Assembly through Senator Elizabeth Bennett-Parker and Delegate Kirk McPike.

The Commission then voted on the motion and it passed. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Fye, Karantonis, Read, Sizemore Heizer, Storck and Underhill. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Chair Bagley invited Mr. Ebbin up front and presented him with the commendation resolution and a trophy award. Commissioners honored Mr. Ebbin with a round of applause.

Senator Ebbin reflected on some of his work, including legislation that provided the Commonwealth's funding match for WMATA. When he started in the General Assembly, there was no Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the region, no Silver Line to Dulles Airport, no Long Bridge project planned to double capacity, and now all these things are either in place or coming to fruition. He noted that NVTC is one of the best run organizations. Although the SJ 28 legislation did not pass this Session, it does lay the groundwork for potential future long-term sustainable funding for transit. He thanked Commissioners for being part of all these efforts. Commissioners again acknowledged him with a round of applause.

Chair Bagley stated that the Commission is also saying goodbye to former DRPT Director Tiffany Robinson, who could not attend the meeting. In November 2024, Governor Youngkin appointed Tiffany Robinson as the director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). She also served as a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and chaired the Board of Directors of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA). While her tenure was short, she played an important role leading DRPT's efforts to serve all Virginians with high quality and innovative transportation solutions.

Mr. de Ferranti moved, with a second by Mr. Karantonis, to approve the Resolution of Commendation to Tiffany Robinson on Her Departure from NVTC. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Fye, Karantonis, Read, Sizemore Heizer, Storck and Underhill. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached.) Chair Bagley stated that the resolution and award will be mailed to Ms. Robinson.

#### Minutes of the January 8, 2026 NVTC Meeting

Mr. de Ferranti moved, with a second by Mr. Karantonis, to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2026 Meeting. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Karantonis, Read, Sizemore Heizer, Storck and Underhill. Mr. Fye abstained. The motion passed.

#### Consent Agenda

Chair Bagley stated that the Consent Agenda includes four action items:

- Resolution #2598: Approve the FY 2027 State Assistance Applications to DRPT
- Resolution #2599: Authorize the Executive Director to Apply to DRPT for 2026 Blue and Yellow Lines Construction Marketing Initiative Funds and to Allow NVTC to Provide the Local Match
- Authorization for the Executive Director to Issue an RFP for Development and Implementation of the 2026 Blue and Yellow Lines Construction Marketing
- Resolution #2600: Approve Updates to NVTC's 2026 Committee Membership

Mr. Bierman moved, with a second by Mr. de Ferranti, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Karantonis, Read, Sizemore Heizer, Storck and Underhill. Mr. Fye abstained. The motion passed. (Copies of the resolutions are attached.)

### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Chair Bagley asked WMATA Board Principal Walter Alcorn to give the update since Mr. Flowers could not attend. This will be followed by WMATA Committee Chair Matt de Ferranti giving his report.

Report from the WMATA Board Members. Mr. Alcorn reported that WMATA's FY 2027 budget process continues to move forward as the detailed operating budget and Capital Improvement Program were released several weeks ago and the public comment period ended on February 10. WMATA and NVTC continue to monitor legislative activities that could impact its financial position.

Mr. Alcorn stated that WMATA's safety numbers continue to demonstrate management's commitment to safety for riders and employees. Serious crime is down 35% year-over-year and WMATA is again an industry leader across many bus, rail and access safety categories. The WMATA Board also received recent updates on Metro's key performance indicators where they continue to move in the right direction on ridership, customer satisfaction and on-time performance. One area where WMATA is focused on is the hiring more bus operators as there have been bus reliability challenges this winter.

Mr. Alcorn also highlighted a new initiative called the Service Design and Management program. First identified in the recently updated Strategic Transformation Plan, this program charts a course toward improving scheduling and planning, advancing new operational strategies, and working with regional partners to advance work on the bus priority corridors from DMVMoves.

Report from the Chair of the WMATA Committee. WMATA Committee Chair Matt de Ferranti noted that the previously scheduled February 19 WMATA Committee meeting was canceled. He reported that as the WMATA Committee chair, he submitted comments on WMATA's FY 2027 budget by the February 10 deadline. Looking ahead, the next Joint WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 16 and WMATA Inspector General Michelle Zamarin has been invited to provide an update on her important work. As a reminder, the WMATA Inspector General reports to the WMATA Board and is charged with promoting efficiency and effectiveness in WMATA activities, namely by conducting and supervising audits, program evaluations and investigations. Mr. de Ferranti stated that there are opportunities for WMATA and NVTC to leverage each other's efforts as NVTC continues to identify ways to reduce costs and improve operational efficiencies at WMATA. The way NVTC documents those strategies is in its Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA, which is statutorily required to report to the General Assembly and the governor, which will also be on the agenda for the April 16 meeting.

## Report from the Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee

Legislative and Policy Committee Vice-Chair James Bierman gave the report. He noted that a lot has happened in Richmond since the Commission and the Legislative and Policy Committee last met in January. The two legislative packages that identified solutions to the region's transit funding needs – HB 900/SB 730 and HB 1179/SB 638 – were carried over to 2027, meaning that they will not advance in their current legislative form during this Session. As a result, NVTC is now tracking the House and Senate proposed budgets, which were released on February 22. Conference negotiations will determine which of the operating, capital and policy provisions are ultimately included in the final adopted budget. As it currently stands, neither budget meets the region's full transit funding needs.

Mr. Bierman explained that the House budget proposal focuses primarily on near-term operating funding stabilization for the localities' payments to WMATA. However, it only provides \$153 million for WMATA operating across the two-year budget period, instead of \$153 million in FY 2027 and growing at 3% annually as identified through SJ 28. There is no additional funding for local transit, VRE or WMATA capital identified in the House budget. The Senate budget proposal does the opposite, focusing on WMATA capital, some statewide transit assistance that includes local transit agencies, and some limited funding for VRE and WMATA through the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. The Senate proposal relies on new revenues to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund and the region as a result of ending a sales and use tax exemption for data centers that was originally scheduled to expire in 2035. However, some regional partners have potential concerns with this revenue generation approach. Further, other than very small statewide increases in transit funding, there is no additional funding for local transit, VRE or WMATA operating identified in the Senate budget.

Mr. Bierman stated that there is some language in other budget proposals including a requirement for DRPT to assess the feasibility of consolidating DASH, Connector, ART and CUE into a unified regional bus system. NVTC staff will continue to track budget negotiations and provide updates as needed.

Legislative Liaison Aimee Perron Seibert provided more details on the current state of play in Richmond and what NVTC can do in the coming weeks to advocate for transit funding. Ms. Perron Siebert reported that the budget conferees were named last night when the budget went officially into conference. House conferees include Delegates Luke Torian (chair), Betsy Carr, Delores McQuinn, Paul Krizek, Terry Austin and Robert Bloxom. Senate conferees include Senators Louise Lucas (chair), Creigh Deeds, Mamie Locke, Todd Pillion and Richard Stuart. She noted that NVTC continues to work with its partners (WMATA, VRE, VTA, jurisdictional liaisons, Hampton Roads and Richmond, etc.) to continue to push the messages of "transit is important" and "transit needs help statewide."

Chair Bagley reiterated that neither budget version meets Northern Virginia's transit needs. Mr. Alcorn stated that this region is depending on the Commonwealth to come through on operating as well as capital needs. Mr. de Ferranti stated that consequences are huge.

Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC). Ms. Mattice reported that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) met on February 17 and approved a revised timeline for final Board action on the changes to the MERIT operating and capital assistance formulas that provide funding to the local transit agencies. CTB is now expected to vote on any changes in October, which means that TSDAC and Virginia's transit agencies have time to fully evaluate the impact of potential changes. Importantly, the additional time will allow DRPT to incorporate April 2026 performance data on transit agencies into its analysis, so they won't have to rely on older data that used pandemic ridership inputs.

Ms. Mattice asked Mr. Fye to provide more information about the goals and desired outcomes for this year's MERIT review. Mr. Fye stated that there is a pretty short runway to get this figured out. There is consensus on the proposed changes to capital. For operating, DRPT is taking what they learned last year, looking at analysis of the current formula and seeking feedback on a new approach to MERIT by getting away from the "one size fits all" approach. DRPT is committed to transparency and collaboration as the process continues. He also noted that HB 200 calls for TSDAC to look at the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) program, which needs to now happen concurrently with the MERIT review work.

Ms. Mattice stated that with DRPT providing a timeline, this gives her the opportunity to reach out to the local transit systems to get their feedback in a meaningful way. The next TSDAC meeting is scheduled for March 10 in Richmond.

Federal Update. Ms. Mattice reported that at the federal level, President Trump signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2026 into law on February 3. The bill includes \$21.1 billion in funding in FY 2026 for public transit, an increase of \$168 million from FY 2025 levels. The bill also provides \$100 million in funding from FTA's Capital Investment Grants program for Fairfax County's Richmond Highway BRT project. As a reminder, federal transportation programs authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) expire on September 30, 2026.

#### Report from the Chair of the Program Advisory Committee

Chair Bagley encouraged Commissioners to read the written report, which includes updates on the Envision Route 7 BRT project and the zero-emission bus technical assistance. She then turned it over to Commuter Choice Program Manager Daniel Knickelbein to give a Commuter Choice update.

Mr. Knickelbein stated that the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2027-2028 application period closed on December 12 and NVTC received 16 applications requesting \$69.8 million in funding, which is less than the \$100 million in funding available for new projects. In January, NVTC and DRPT staff undertook an eligibility review to ensure that all applications for funding met the requirements of the I-66 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between NVTC and the Commonwealth as well as Commuter Choice policy. As part of that review, staff determined that Fairfax County's Route 400X New Limited-Stop Service was ineligible for funding as it did not demonstrate a sufficient nexus to the I-66 corridor to provide benefits

to I-66 Inside the Beltway toll payers. Also, VRE's Broad Run Lead Track Design was referred to DRPT's I-66 Outside the Beltway (OTB) program for funding consideration, allowing for a consolidated funding request through the Outside the Beltway program.

Mr. Knickelbein explained that the remaining 14 applications were scored in accordance with the approved Commuter Choice evaluation criteria. After removing the Fairfax County and VRE applications from funding consideration, the requested Commuter Choice funding amount is \$60.5 million. Unprogrammed funds will remain with NVTC and be carried over to the next I-66 funding cycle.

Mr. Knickelbein reported that the public comment period runs from March 4 through April 3, after which all comments and a staff-recommended Program of Projects will be brought to the Program Advisory Committee for consideration at their April 16 meeting. In May, staff will present a draft Program of Projects to the Commission. After approval, the final Program of Projects will be submitted for Commonwealth Transportation Board approval and inclusion in the Six-Year Improvement Program. Chair Bagley encouraged Commissioners to provide the information to their constituents on how the public can submit comments.

Mr. Karantonis observed that the I-66 program has substantial funding available, which can do a lot of good to the corridor.

### Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Chair Bagley welcomed newly appointed VRE CEO Katie Choe, who started in her new role at VRE on January 20. Ms. Choe has over 25 years of program management and safety oversight leadership in the transportation sector and brings a wealth of experience closely aligned to VRE's mission. Most recently, Ms. Choe served as the chief of staff to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and prior to that, as chief engineer for the City of Boston Public Works, and as a program manager at Massport, the Massachusetts Port Authority. In these roles, Ms. Choe delivered numerous major infrastructure projects with an emphasis on safety and quality. In 2022, she was named WTS Boston's Woman of the Year.

Chair Bagley invited Ms. Choe to give her report, followed by VRE Vice-Chair Dan Storck to introduce the action items. Chair Bagley suggested a block vote on the actions and there were no objections.

VRE CEO Report. Ms. Choe stated that her main priority is to transition VRE from a commuter service to a full regional route service. The framework to do this is laid out in the System Plan, which in the next four years will triple to quadruple peak period reverse direction trains, double to triple off-peak service, almost double the daily number of trains, increase express service on both lines, and establish robust weekend service. In order to meet these service goals in the short-term, VRE needs to focus on three areas: ensuring VRE's infrastructure and asset work is progressing on schedule, improving the reliability and quality of service, and growing ridership. She explained that a lot of this ultimately comes down to transparency and communication with riders and stakeholders.

Ms. Choe provided February statistics, including monthly ridership of 160,975, which is up from the previous month and the previous year at the same time. On-time performance (OTP) for February was at 87% systemwide (92% on the Fredericksburg Line and 82% on the Manassas Line). This is the first time OTP reached over 90% since 2022. VRE did have challenges with two snowstorms. Amtrak implemented new snow plans at Union Station that cut off or heavily restricted VRE access to that station/coach yard. If VRE did not have access to its Seminary Yard, VRE would not have been able to run service for about a week. Regarding the Long Bridge construction work window, VRE has been able to minimize the impacts to service.

Ms. Choe reported that on-time performance for the first week of March has been rough, with a failure of a brake part on two separate vehicles, which caused a cascading impact for the rest of the train schedule. VRE is working with the supplier to resolve the issue. With the Long Bridge work window, VRE does not have a lot of resiliency in the schedule to be able to recover from delays. Unfortunately, there was another mechanical failure during a morning peak service and then two trespassing incidents (not related to VRE service) happening later that day and 24 hours later. In a course of a week, riders were seriously impacted by these strings of delays. VRE has been communicating with them on the causes of the delays. She plans to do meet and greets at the Alexandria and L'Enfant Stations to capture the majority of riders. VRE staff understand the impact this all has had on riders.

Chair Bagley stated that several VRE employees went above and beyond before and during the snowstorms to ensure VRE could run service. She observed that the VRE team is a group of people that cares deeply about the service and the riders. Mr. Karantonis thanked Ms. Choe for the transparency in her report. He reminded Commissioners that VRE has a very strict safety philosophy and standards. This is important to remind riders.

Ratification of VRE Applications for Funding. Mr. Storck stated that the Commission is asked to ratify two VRE grant applications. Since neither Commission had a February meeting and the submission deadlines were in February, the applications were submitted but will be withdrawn if the actions are not approved. Resolution #2601 will ratify VRE's application, on behalf of the Commissions, to the USDOT's BUILD discretionary grant program for the VRE L'Enfant Station and 4th Track Improvements project. The federal grant amount requested is \$25 million. Resolution #2602 will ratify VRE's application to the DRPT FY 2027 I-66 Outside the Beltway Funding Program for the design phase of the Broad Run Lead Track. This application is seeking \$11.3 million in funding to support final design and all necessary environmental reviews.

VRE Capital Project Funding Addendum with VPRA for the Alexandria Pedestrian Tunnel Project. Mr. Storck stated that Resolution #2603 will approve and authorize the VRE CEO to execute a Capital Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for the Alexandria (King Street Station) Pedestrian Tunnel project. This addendum is required by the Master Funding Agreement for VPRA-Supplied Funding on VRE Projects between the Commissions and VPRA in order for VRE to access VPRA-supplied funding and it will facilitate VPRA providing up to \$22 million in SMARTSCALE funds to VRE for this project.

VRE Contracts of Purchase and Sale. Mr. Storck explained that these three related contracts of purchase are grouped together. Resolution #2604 will approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for the Broad Run Corridor. Resolution #2605 will approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for Station Site Permanent Easements on the Manassas Line. Resolution #2606 will approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for the Seminary Yard Property.

For context, Mr. Storck explained that the Commissions previously approved the Purchase and Sale agreement (PSA) in September 2025 for four property interests from VPRA for \$155 million. However, the process of getting Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approvals of appraisals for these four property interests makes closing on all four property interests simultaneously infeasible. Instead, VRE and VPRA would like to move forward with the acquisition of these four property interests in separate contract and sale agreements, to allow the parties to expeditiously close on each property interest as soon as VRE obtains all necessary approval from FTA.

Mr. Storck explained that VRE staff are bringing these actions directly to the Commissions, rather than through the Operations Board, because both Commissions are not meeting in April, and the appraisal for the Broad Run Corridor property is approaching its expiration date for purposes of FTA approval. Operations Board members have been briefed on this situation, but the amended agreements were not ready in time for Operations Board approval at its February meeting.

Mr. Storck stated that after more recent conversations with FTA, VRE staff think there is a possibility that Seminary Yard may also get sufficient approvals to close prior to the Commissions' next meeting in May. Therefore, staff are also bringing the Seminary Yard PSA to the Commissions for approval to enable the deal to close while the Commissions are not meeting.

Mr. Storck moved, with a second by Mr. Bierman, to approve the block vote of six action items:

- Resolution #2601: Ratify VRE's Application to the USDOT for a FY 2026 BUILD Grant for the VRE L'Enfant Station and 4<sup>th</sup> Track Improvements Project
- Resolution #2602: Ratify VRE's Application to the DRPT FY 2027 I-66 Outside the Beltway Funding Program for the Design Phase of the Broad Run Lead Track
- Resolution #2603: Approve and Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute Capital Project Funding Addendum with VPRA for the Alexandria (King Street Station) Pedestrian Tunnel Project
- Resolution #2604: Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for the Broad Run Corridor
- Resolution #2605: Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for Station Site Permanent Easements on the Manassas Line

- Resolution #2606: Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for the Seminary Yard Property

Chair Bagley noted that VRE Chief General Counsel MinhChau Corr briefed the VRE Operations Board on the VPRA agreements. Nothing is changing on the costs or projects, but just how they are being executed.

Chair Bagley also announced that VRE staff will be alternating staff between the NVTC and PRTC Commission meetings instead of sending all staff to both meetings. Ms. Choe stated that she plans to attend the May PRTC meeting and one of her senior staff will be at NVTC. Ms. Coffey stated that she appreciates the strategy.

Chair Bagley reminded Commissioners that VRE faces an operating funding cliff when pandemic relief funding runs out in FY 2028, so there also needs to be a transit funding solution for VRE as well. Mr. Karantonis agreed that VRE needs strong funding support for both operating and capital. Mr. Alcorn stated that without transit funding legislation, VRE jurisdictional subsidies could double or triple in three years.

The Commission then voted on the motion and it passed. The vote in favor was cast by Commissioners Alcorn, Bagley, Bierman, Coffey, de Ferranti, Karantonis, Read, Sizemore Heizer, Storck and Underhill. Mr. Fye abstained. (Copies of the resolutions are attached.)

#### Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Chair Bagley noted that as mentioned earlier DRPT Director Zimmerman is at the PRTC meeting, so Mr. Fye will give the DRPT report. Mr. Fye encouraged Commissioners to read the written report, which includes statewide transit ridership. Overall, ridership trends are heading in the right direction. DRPT is reviewing all the submitted grant applications and a draft Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) is expected to be presented in April with CTB action in June.

Mr. Fye stated that he and Director Zimmerman have been busy over the last month. His first week included attending the Virginia Transit Association (VTA) reception and NVTC's legislative reception. He also noted that he and Director Zimmerman will alternate between the NVTC and PRTC meetings. DRPT Director Zimmerman will be at the May 7 NVTC meeting and he will attend PRTC.

#### Executive Director Report

Ms. Mattice encouraged Commissioners to read the executive director newsletter, which includes a recap of a busy month filled with activities in Richmond. On February 2, NVTC staff participated in the Virginia Transit Association's 2026 Transit + Rail Advocacy, a day of meetings with state legislators and transit partners from across the state. Later that week, NVTC and the Commonwealth Strategy Group hosted a legislative reception in Richmond to

promote the value of transit in Virginia. She also noted that the newsletter is debuting a new data feature – “Charting Transit” with snapshot of transit trends and other data stories.

Ms. Mattice reviewed upcoming meetings:

- No April Commission meeting, but there are several committee meetings.
- Program Advisory Committee, Thursday, April 16- 4:30 p.m., followed by the joint WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Commission meeting is May 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. (Executive Committee at 6:00 p.m.)

Ms. Mattice provided highlights of NVTC’s quarterly Communications Metrics Report, covering October through December 2025. There was an uptick in media mentions, thanks to coverage of NVTC’s October open house for Envision Route 7, transit funding work and the NVTC-PRTC-VRE Legislative Forum in December. That trend holds for web visits: the Envision Route 7 and legislative forum page, and the NVTC homepage were the top visited sites of the quarter.

Ms. Mattice stated that the December 2025 and January 2026 Financial Reports are provided in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions.

Chair Bagley shared how she used transit for her entire trip to and from England. She told the story because it is a tourism story and an economic development story. When she was in the UK, she never had to look at a transit schedule, which is what frequency accomplishes.

### Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Bagley adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Sarah Bagley  
Chair

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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer



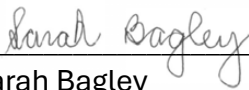
## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

- SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Adam P. Ebbin on His Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network and demonstrating that effective and efficient public transit fosters economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;
- WHEREAS:** The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin most recently served as a member of the Virginia Senate since January 2012 representing Alexandria and portions of Arlington and Fairfax counties; He currently represents Virginia's 39th District which includes Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County;
- WHEREAS:** Prior to that, the Honorable Adam P. Ebbin served eight years in the House of Delegates from 2004 to 2012;
- WHEREAS:** The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin has served with distinction as a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation from 2004 through 2012 representing the Virginia House of Delegates and from 2016 to February 2026 representing the Virginia Senate;
- WHEREAS:** In January 2026, Senator Ebbin announced his intent to resign his Senate seat effective February 18, 2026, to join Governor Abigail Spanberger's administration and take up a position as senior advisor with the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority;
- WHEREAS:** During his tenure on NVTC, Senator Ebbin worked tirelessly with local, regional and state officials to propose long-term sustainable transit funding that will provide adequate growth to meet current and future operating and capital needs for WMATA, VRE and Northern Virginia's local bus providers;
- WHEREAS:** Senator Ebbin served as the chair of the Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee (SJ 28), advocating for sustainable funding, cost containment measures and strategies to move the region toward a more integrated, seamless transit network; and
- WHEREAS:** As a testament to his vision and commitment, Senator Ebbin offered early and consistent vocal support in both regional transit funding initiatives and worked closely with colleagues in Virginia to ensure the broader region could collectively develop a long-term transit funding solution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Adam P. Ebbin for his service to NVTC, WMATA, the citizens of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Ebbin as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation of his work on NVTC.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Sarah Bagley  
Chair



## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

**SUBJECT:** Commending Tiffany Robinson on Her Departure from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network and demonstrating that effective and efficient public transit fosters economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** In November 2024, Governor Youngkin appointed Tiffany Robinson as the director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT);

**WHEREAS:** The Department of Rail and Public Transportation oversees and supports the funding, planning and implementation of public transportation and rail services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to connect and improve the quality of life for all Virginians with innovative transportation solutions;

**WHEREAS:** Director Robinson served as a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), which makes transportation funding decisions for the state, and chaired the Board of Directors of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), which was created to expand opportunities for passenger rail travel across the state;

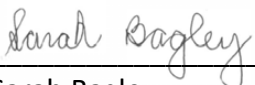
**WHEREAS:** Under Director Robinson's leadership, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation worked tirelessly to advance their mission to serve all Virginians with high quality and innovative transportation solutions; and

**WHEREAS:** During her tenure as DRPT Director, Ms. Robinson has supported and partnered with NVTC to improve transit in Northern Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends Tiffany Robinson for her service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ms. Robinson as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for her leadership and work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Sarah Bagley  
Chair



## RESOLUTION #2598

**SUBJECT:** Approve the FY 2027 State Transit Assistance Applications to DRPT

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) wishes to obtain state and federal funding to help defray NVTC, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), local bus systems and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) operating and capital costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file applications to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for grants of public transportation assistance for FY 2027 commencing July 1, 2026 in the amount of \$206.6 million in eligible local transit operating costs to defray a portion of the public transportation cost of NVTC and its members for operations;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 3) To furnish DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant requests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file applications to DRPT for grants of public transportation assistance for FY 2027 for capital expenses totaling \$34.6 million in costs to defray the costs borne by NVTC and its members for capital expenditures;
- 2) To revise the capital portion of the application to reflect refined estimates by the local governments when they become available;
- 3) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 4) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file an application to DRPT for FY 2027 Technical Assistance for the City of Fairfax for \$57,500 in costs for CUE Route Change Launch Support;

- 2) To file an application to DRPT for FY 2027 Technical Assistance for NVTC's Strategic Plan in the amount of \$300,000 in costs;
- 3) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded;  
and
- 4) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file an application to DRPT for FY 2027 Workforce Development funding for NVTC's Fellows Program in the amount of \$50,000 in costs;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded;  
and
- 3) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file an application to DRPT for FY 2027 Demonstration Program funding on behalf of Arlington County for AI Enabled Customer Service in the amount of \$250,000 in costs;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded;  
and
- 3) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and as an agent for its members:

- 1) To file an application to DRPT for Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) on behalf of Fairfax County for Zero Fare in the amount of \$1.04 million;
- 2) To file an application to DRPT for Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) on behalf of City of Fairfax for Zero Fare in the amount of \$2 million;
- 3) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded;  
and

- 4) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designer, for and on behalf of NVTC:

- 1) To file an application to DRPT for I-66 OTB Capital Funding on behalf of VRE for Broad Run Lead Track Design in the amount of \$11.3 million;
- 2) To accept from DRPT and execute grants in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 3) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC:

- 1) To accept from DRPT and execute the grant for WMATA capital and operating purposes per Section 33.2-1526.1.D.4 of the Code of Virginia in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 2) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and PRTC and their members:

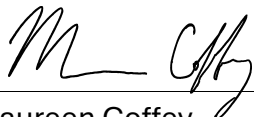
- 1) To accept from DRPT and execute the grant for VRE capital and operating purposes per Section 33.2-1526.1.D.3 of the Code of Virginia in such amounts as may be awarded; and
- 2) To furnish to DRPT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC certifies that the funds for all of the above grants will be used in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Virginia, that NVTC will provide matching funds in the ratio required by the Act, and that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted to NVTC may be subject to audit by DRPT and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts.

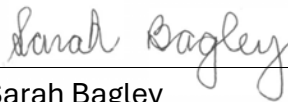
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, for and on behalf of NVTC and its members, to furnish to the Transportation Planning Board, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and other state and federal funding agencies such documents, information, assurances and certifications as may be required for pursuing the above grant requests and continuing previously awarded grants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the executive director, or her designee, to amend the above-described applications at the request of NVTC's member jurisdictions or VRE to include the most recent information and project costs.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer



Sarah Bagley  
Chair



**RESOLUTION #2599**

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the Executive Director to Apply to DRPT for Funding to Support the 2026 Blue and Yellow Lines Construction Marketing Initiative

**WHEREAS:** The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) recognizes the need to support transit riders during and after the planned shutdown of WMATA's Crystal City Metrorail Station for 10 weekends between February and June 2026, with Ronald Reagan National Airport and Potomac Yard Stations also closed for three weekends between March and May 2026;

**WHEREAS:** DRPT is making funding available to both support mitigation transit services during the project as well as a regional marketing campaign to bring back transit riders following the project;

**WHEREAS:** DRPT has a total \$80,000 available in FY 2027 funding to support shutdown mitigation and marketing;

**WHEREAS:** NVTC will request \$80,000 to develop and implement a marketing effort to bring back riders to public transit once the Crystal City, Ronald Reagan National Airport and Potomac Yard Stations reopen;

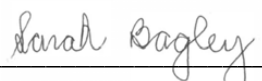
**WHEREAS:** The funding requires a local match of 20% (\$20,000) which NVTC will provide from its General and Administrative Budget; and

**WHEREAS:** The Commission has consistently supported efforts to improve Metrorail and transit ridership and supported a series of successful marketing campaigns to date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorize the executive director, or her designee, to apply to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for funding to support the Blue and Yellow Lines Construction Marketing Initiative, to execute the associated funding agreement with DRPT and for NVTC to provide the 20% local match required for the grant.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

  
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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Sarah Bagley  
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## RESOLUTION #2600

**SUBJECT:** Approve Updates to the 2026 NVTC Committee Membership

**WHEREAS:** Every January, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission approves the appointments to its four committees, including the Executive Committee, the WMATA Committee, the Program Advisory Committee, and the Legislative and Policy Committee;

**WHEREAS:** Some of NVTC's jurisdictions did not formally appoint their NVTC members prior to NVTC's January 8, 2026 meeting and, therefore, subsequent action is needed to update the committee membership roster;

**WHEREAS:** On January 12, 2026, the Falls Church City Council appointed Justine Underhill to serve as the principal Commissioner on NVTC and David Snyder to serve as an Alternate;

**WHEREAS:** Per NVTC By-Laws, as the immediate past chair of NVTC, Mr. Snyder can serve as a non-voting member on the NVTC Executive Committee;

**WHEREAS:** Senator Adam Ebbin effectively resigned from his Senate seat on February 18, 2026 to join Governor Abigail Spanberger's administration, which leaves a vacancy on NVTC's Executive Committee and Legislative and Policy Committee; and

**WHEREAS:** Senator Saddam Azlan Salim has agreed to fill these vacancies and serve as the General Assembly member on the NVTC Executive Committee and the NVTC Legislative and Policy Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby confirms and approves the following Commissioners to serve on the four NVTC committees for 2026:

**NVTC Executive Committee**

Chair, Sarah Bagley

Vice-Chair, Matt Letourneau

Secretary-Treasurer, Maureen Coffey

WMATA Committee Chair, Matt de Ferranti

Program Advisory Committee Chair, Dalia Palchik

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair, Canek Aguirre

General Assembly Member, Saddam Azlan Salim

*Non-Voting Members:*

Immediate Past Chair, David F. Snyder

WMATA Principal Member, Walter Alcorn

WMATA Principal Member, Darien B. Flowers

**NVTC WMATA Committee**

Chair, WMATA Alternate Member, Matt de Ferranti	Arlington County
Vice-Chair, Matt Letourneau	Loudoun County
WMATA Principal Member, Walter Alcorn	Fairfax County
WMATA Principal Member, Darien B. Flowers	Commonwealth
WMATA Alternate Member, Canek Aguirre	City of Alexandria
Justine Underhill (David Snyder, Alternate)	City of Falls Church

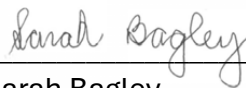
**NVTC Legislative and Policy Committee**


Chair, Canek Aguirre	City of Alexandria
Vice-Chair, James Bierman, Jr.	Fairfax County
Maureen Coffey	Arlington County
Matt Letourneau	Loudoun County
Catherine Read	City of Fairfax
Justine Underhill (David Snyder, Alternate)	City of Falls Church
<i>Non-Voting Member:</i>	
Saddam Azlan Salim	General Assembly

**NVTC Program Advisory Committee**

Chair, Dalia Palchik	Fairfax County
Vice-Chair, Juli Briskman	Loudoun County
Sarah Bagley	City of Alexandria
Takis Karantonis	Arlington County
Justine Underhill	City of Falls Church

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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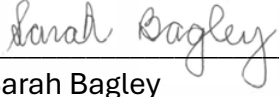


## RESOLUTION #2601

- SUBJECT:** Ratify VRE’s Application, on Behalf of the Commissions, to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a FY 2026 BUILD Grant for the VRE L’Enfant Station and 4<sup>th</sup> Track Improvements Project
- WHEREAS:** On November 26, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation discretionary grant program;
- WHEREAS:** VRE staff considers the VRE L’Enfant Station and 4th Track Improvements project a strong candidate for construction grant funding under the BUILD program;
- WHEREAS:** If authorized, the construction grant funding will be used for the construction phase of the project;
- WHEREAS:** The total federal amount requested in the grant application is \$25 million with a required non-federal match in the amount of \$6.25 million to come from existing committed state funds;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommended NVTC and PRTC (the “Commissions”) authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to apply for funding; and
- WHEREAS:** Since neither Commission had a February meeting, the application was submitted by the February 24, 2026 deadline and will be withdrawn if the action is not approved.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby ratify VRE’s application, on behalf of the Commissions, to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for a FY 2026 BUILD Grant for the VRE L’Enfant Station and 4<sup>th</sup> Track Improvements Project.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or descriptions in the application and to authorize the execution of all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the project.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Sarah Bagley  
Chair



## RESOLUTION #2602

**SUBJECT:** Ratify VRE’s Application, on Behalf of the Commissions, to the DRPT FY 2027 I-66 Outside the Beltway (OTB) Funding Program for the Design Phase of the Broad Run Lead Track

**WHEREAS:** The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) opened a call for projects for the FY 2027 I-66 Outside the Beltway (OTB) Funding Program;

**WHEREAS:** VRE staff have identified a project, the VRE Broad Run Lead Track Design Phase, for an \$11.3 million capital funding request to the I-66 Outside the Beltway Program that supports and implements planned service enhancements consistent with the System Plan 2050's 2030 and 2050 service plans as well as the Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative;

**WHEREAS:** VRE staff considers the proposed capital project a strong candidate for I-66 Outside the Beltway funding due to the ability to move more people more efficiently through the I-66 corridor and expand commuters' travel options; and

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommended NVTC and PRTC (the “Commissions”) authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to apply for funding; and

**WHEREAS:** Since neither Commission had a February meeting, the application was submitted by the February 1, 2026 deadline and will be withdrawn if the action is not approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby ratify VRE’s application, on behalf of the Commissions, to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) FY 2027 I-66 Outside the Beltway (OTB) Funding Program for the Design Phase of the Broad Run Lead Track.

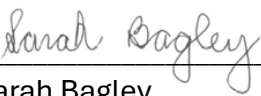
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC does hereby authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or description in the application, and to authorize the execution of all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the VRE application.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer



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Sarah Bagley  
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**RESOLUTION # 2603**

**SUBJECT:** Approve and Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute a Capital Project Funding Addendum with VPRA for the Alexandria (King Street Station) Pedestrian Tunnel Project

**WHEREAS:** On August 4, 2022, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“Commissions”) entered into a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA-Supplied Funding on VRE Projects (“Master Funding Agreement”) with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA);

**WHEREAS:** Under the Master Funding Agreement, projects commenced after the execution of the Master Funding Agreement would require the Commissions and VPRA to enter into a Capital Project Addendum for each project, which would establish the project’s scope, budget, schedule and VPRA funding commitment;

**WHEREAS:** VPRA has identified up to \$21,853,149 in funds available for the Alexandria (King Street Station) Pedestrian Tunnel Project;

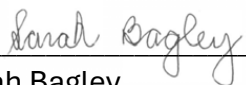
**WHEREAS:** VRE staff recommends approval of the proposed Capital Project Funding Addendum for the Alexandria (King Street Station) Pedestrian Tunnel Project to facilitate VRE’s access to up to \$21,853,149 in funds; and

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Capital Project Funding Addendum with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Alexandria (King Street Station) Pedestrian Tunnel Project and authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute the Addendum on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Sarah Bagley  
Chair



## RESOLUTION #2604

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the Broad Run Corridor

**WHEREAS:** In August 2024, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) acquired the Manassas Line from Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR);

**WHEREAS:** In February 2025, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("the Commissions") approved an Amended Manassas Line Funding Agreement with VPRA, authorizing payment by the Commissions of \$155 million to VPRA over a five-year period to acquire four property interests from VPRA;

**WHEREAS:** These four property interests are (1) Seminary Yard in Alexandria; (2) the Broad Run Corridor providing a new lead track from the Broad Run Maintenance and Storage Facility to the Manassas main line; (3) permanent easements for the five existing station platforms in the VPRA-owned right of way on the Manassas Line (Backlick Road, Rolling Road, Burke Centre, Manassas Park and Manassas); and (4) a permanent commuter rail operating easement along one half of the entire VPRA-owned Manassas Line;

**WHEREAS:** In September 2025, the Commissions approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for VRE's purchase of these four property interests from VPRA;

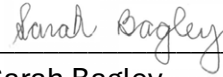
**WHEREAS:** It is infeasible for the Parties to close on all four property interests simultaneously, given the timing of various appraisals and deadlines imposed by federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS:** VRE and VPRA remain committed to the purchase and sale of these four property interests, and decoupling the purchase and sale of these four property interests into separate agreements would allow VRE and VPRA to expeditiously close on property interests that are ready to close, while allowing for the remaining property interests to obtain all necessary approvals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for acquisition by the Commissions of the Broad Run Corridor lead track from VPRA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the Virginia Railway Express Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commissions and to further execute all documents, approved by the VRE General Counsel, necessary to conclude the transfer of the Broad Run Corridor lead track to the Commissions.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



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Sarah Bagley  
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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer



## RESOLUTION #2605

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for Station Site Permanent Easements on the Manassas Line

**WHEREAS:** In August 2024, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) acquired the Manassas Line from Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR);

**WHEREAS:** In February 2025, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("the Commissions") approved an Amended Manassas Line Funding Agreement with VPRA, authorizing payment by the Commissions of \$155 million to VPRA over a five-year period to acquire four property interests from VPRA;

**WHEREAS:** These four property interests are (1) Seminary Yard in Alexandria; (2) the Broad Run Corridor providing a new lead track from the Broad Run Maintenance and Storage Facility to the Manassas main line; (3) permanent easements for the five existing station platforms in the VPRA-owned right of way on the Manassas Line (Backlick Road, Rolling Road, Burke Centre, Manassas Park and Manassas); and (4) a permanent commuter rail operating easement along one half of the entire VPRA-owned Manassas Line;

**WHEREAS:** In September 2025, the Commissions approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for VRE's purchase of these four property interests from VPRA;

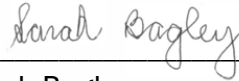
**WHEREAS:** It is infeasible for the Parties to close on all four property interests simultaneously, given the timing of various appraisals and deadlines imposed by federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS:** VRE and VPRA remain committed to the purchase and sale of these four property interests, and decoupling the purchase and sale of these four property interests into separate agreements would allow VRE and VPRA to expeditiously close on property interests that are ready to close, while allowing for the remaining property interests to obtain all necessary approvals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for acquisition by the Commissions of the Station Site Permanent Easements on the Manassas Line from VPRA.

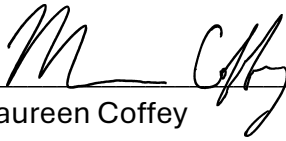
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the Virginia Railway Express Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commissions and to further execute all documents, approved by the VRE General Counsel, necessary to conclude the transfer of the Station Site Permanent Easements on the Manassas Line to the Commissions.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



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Sarah Bagley  
Chair



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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer



## RESOLUTION #2606

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for the Seminary Yard Property

**WHEREAS:** In August 2024, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) acquired the Manassas Line from Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR);

**WHEREAS:** In February 2025, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("the Commissions") approved an Amended Manassas Line Funding Agreement with VPRA, authorizing payment by the Commissions of \$155 million to VPRA over a five-year period to acquire four property interests from VPRA;

**WHEREAS:** These four property interests are (1) Seminary Yard in Alexandria; (2) the Broad Run Corridor providing a new lead track from the Broad Run Maintenance and Storage Facility to the Manassas main line; (3) permanent easements for the five existing station platforms in the VPRA-owned right of way on the Manassas Line (Backlick Road, Rolling Road, Burke Centre, Manassas Park and Manassas); and (4) a permanent commuter rail operating easement along one half of the entire VPRA-owned Manassas Line;

**WHEREAS:** In September 2025, the Commissions approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for VRE's purchase of these four property interests from VPRA;

**WHEREAS:** It is infeasible for the Parties to close on all four property interests simultaneously, given the timing of various appraisals and deadlines imposed by federal agencies; and

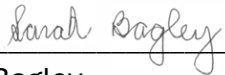
**WHEREAS:** VRE and VPRA remain committed to the purchase and sale of these four property interests, and decoupling the purchase and sale of these four property interests into separate agreements would allow VRE and VPRA to expeditiously close on property interests that are ready to close, while allowing for the remaining property interests to obtain all necessary approvals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for acquisition by the Commissions of the Seminary Yard Property from VPRA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the Virginia Railway Express Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commissions and to further execute all documents, approved by the VRE General Counsel, necessary to conclude the transfer of the Seminary Yard Property to the Commissions.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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Maureen Coffey  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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