



RESOLUTION #2430

- SUBJECT:** Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute an Agreement with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, or alternatively the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for Later Assignment to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, for Passenger Rail Operations and Access
- WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) (the "Commissions") currently have an Amended and Restated Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation relating to VRE operations in the Fredericksburg to Washington corridor;
- WHEREAS:** In December of 2019, the Commonwealth of Virginia announced the Virginia Rail Improvement Plan which includes the acquisition of CSX Transportation right-of-way in the Commonwealth;
- WHEREAS:** During the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority ("Rail Authority") was established;
- WHEREAS:** The Rail Authority will manage the right-of-way acquired by the Commonwealth in the Fredericksburg to Washington corridor, including the Operating and Access agreement with VRE;
- WHEREAS:** Once the right-of-way is acquired by the Commonwealth, the Commissions will need to have an Operating and Access Agreement in place with the Rail Authority;
- WHEREAS:** Executing this agreement will ensure continued seamless operation of VRE service; and
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, or alternatively the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for later assignment to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, for Passenger Rail Operations and Access, subject to approval as to form by legal counsel.

Approved this 3rd day of December 2020.

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Jeffrey C. McKay
Secretary-Treasurer

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Katie Cristol
Chair