



**RESOLUTION #2483**

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute Two Master Funding Agreements with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for VRE Projects and Track Access Fees

**WHEREAS:** VRE, in the past, has entered into a Master Agreement for Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation ("DRPT") to fund specific capital improvement projects;

**WHEREAS:** VRE has also in the past entered into the same agreement with DRPT for grant funds for track access fees to be paid under the operating access agreements with CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway, and the National Rail Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) (collectively, the "Host Railroads");

**WHEREAS:** The VPRA now is responsible for providing grant funds to VRE for these purposes;

**WHEREAS:** VRE staff has negotiated a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA Supplied Funding for VRE Projects which requires execution annually of an individual, project specific addendum for each capital project funded by the VPRA detailing the project scope, the maximum amount of VPRA funding, and a timeline for project completion;

**WHEREAS:** VRE staff has negotiated a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA Track Access Elective Contributions for VRE Track Access Fees which provides for VPRA's funding, in its discretion, of eighty-four percent (84%) of the train mile fees paid by VRE to the Host Railroads for maintenance, dispatch, and other related services upon execution annually of a track access payment addendum specifying the maximum amount of VPRA funding for track access fees in the given year; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute on behalf of the Commissions, a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA Supplied Funding for VRE Projects and a Master Funding Agreement for VPRA Track Access Elective Contributions for VRE Track Access Fees.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

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Matt de Ferranti  
Secretary-Treasurer

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