



## Resolution #2248

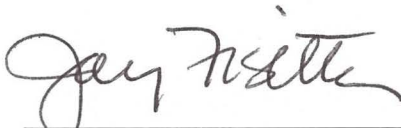
- SUBJECT:** Endorse the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) Long Bridge TIGER Planning Grant Application and VRE's Committed Match.
- WHEREAS:** The VRE System Plan 2040 identified the expansion of railroad capacity, including expansion of the Long Bridge across the Potomac River, as a critical need to support long-term VRE growth and service expansion;
- WHEREAS:** The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) is nearing completion of the Long Bridge Study, a comprehensive study of the existing two-track bridge and identification of long-term improvements to expand the capacity of the bridge for commuter rail, intercity passenger rail, freight and other multi-modal uses;
- WHEREAS:** The next step in planning for the expansion of the bridge is to refine the bridge concepts developed in the current DDOT study and to initiate NEPA analysis;
- WHEREAS:** VRE has committed to be a partner with DDOT on the application and project;
- WHEREAS:** The TIGER grant application must identify a minimum 20 percent non-federal match to the TIGER grant amount;
- WHEREAS:** DDOT has committed to provide \$700,000 towards the match requirement;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE FY 2015 Capital Budget allocated funding for project development activities such as those proposed to be completed for the Long Bridge expansion project to advance system investments recommended in the System Plan 2040;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board endorses the District of Columbia Department of Transportation's (DDOT) TIGER planning grant application for the Long Bridge expansion;
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board authorized the commitment of \$300,000 in VRE project development funds towards the grant's match requirement; and

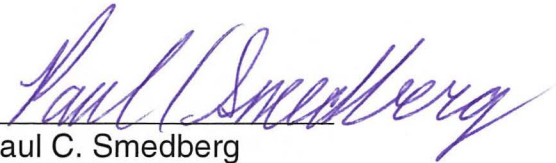
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**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board has referred the endorsement of the grant application and match commitment to the Commissions for their formal review and approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission endorses the DDOT Long Bridge TIGER Planning Grant application and VRE's match commitment.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014.

  
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Jay Fissette  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Paul C. Smedberg  
Chairman