



RESOLUTION #2302

SUBJECT: Approval of Submission of a U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) TIGER Grant Application for Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Station Improvements

WHEREAS: The Second Amendment to the Virginia Railway Express - CSX Transportation - Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VRE-CSXT-DPRT) Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines a set of infrastructure improvements that must be made in order to allow the Potomac Shores Station to open;

WHEREAS: Improvements at the Alexandria, Brooke, Leeland Road Stations are included in this MOU;

WHEREAS: The engineering and constructability analysis for the Alexandria Station pedestrian tunnel has identified an additional \$10 million necessary to complete construction of this tunnel, which is critical to improving station safety;

WHEREAS: The funding available for design and construction of the Brooke and Leeland Road platform improvements are expected to fall \$10.7 million short of the VRE cost estimate to complete the project;

WHEREAS: The U.S. DOT has issued a notice of funding opportunity for the FY2016 TIGER grant program that is a potential source for the necessary funding to complete the Alexandria, Brooke and Leeland Road improvements;

WHEREAS: Completing the three platform improvements will allow VRE to fully comply with the terms outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding and allow VRE to expand service to a new station at Potomac Shores; and

WHEREAS: These projects will also provide a benefit to the entirety of VRE's Fredericksburg Line by allowing longer trains to more efficiently service stations and support operational flexibility for commuter rail, intercity rail and freight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission approves the submission of a FY2016 TIGER grant application for station improvements at the Alexandria, Brooke and Leeland Road VRE stations in the amount of \$20.7 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary corrections to project amounts or descriptions, and to execute all grant agreements on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 7th day of April, 2016.



Paul C. Smedberg
Secretary-Treasurer



Jay Fisette
Chairman