



RESOLUTION #2306

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for Phase III of the Long Bridge Expansion Study

WHEREAS: The VRE System Plan 2040 identified the expansion of railroad capacity, particularly 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 proceeding towards completion of the first two phases of a Long Bridge Expansion Study and is prepared to conduct a third phase consisting of preliminary engineering and analyses required under the National Environmental Policy Act;

WHEREAS: DDOT was awarded a \$2,800,000 planning grant under the TIGER VI program to advance the Phase III of a Long Bridge Expansion Study;

WHEREAS: The TIGER VI grant requires a non-federal match of \$1,300,000, which the DDOT, DRPT and VRE have committed to fund;

WHEREAS: The District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and VRE have drafted a Memorandum of Agreement defining VRE's partnership with the DDOT and DRPT with respect to the contribution of the non-federal match of the TIGER VI grant and management of Phase III of the Long Bridge Expansion Study; 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 a Memorandum of Agreement, in a form acceptable to VRE Legal Counsel, with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation that sets the non-federal match to the TIGER VI grant and defines VRE's role in the management of Phase III of the Long Bridge Expansion Study.

Approved this 2nd day of June 2016.


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Secretary-Treasurer


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