



RESOLUTION #2374

SUBJECT: Adopt and Refer the Amended FY2019 and Recommended FY2020 VRE Operating and Capital Budgets to the Jurisdictions

WHEREAS: The Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Master Agreement requires the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) (the "Commissions") be presented with a fiscal year budget for their consideration at their respective January meetings prior to the commencement of the subject fiscal year;

WHEREAS: The VRE Chief Executive Officer has provided the VRE Operations Board with the FY2020 Operating and Capital Budget within the guidelines developed in cooperation with the chief administrative officers of the local jurisdictions;

WHEREAS: The FY2020 budget recommends a three percent average increase in passenger fares over FY2019 fares;

WHEREAS: In accordance with its Public Participation Policy, VRE has held public hearings across the VRE service area and solicited public comment on the recommended FY2020 fare increase;

WHEREAS: In accordance with its Major Service Change and Fare/Service Equity Policy, VRE has conducted a Title VI analysis on the recommended FY2020 fare increase and determined that the fare increase will not have a disparate impact based on race, color, or national origin, nor will it have a disproportionate burden on low-income populations;

WHEREAS: The FY2020 budget recommends that total jurisdictional subsidy contribution remain unchanged at the FY2019 level of \$17,767,748;

WHEREAS: VRE staff recommends a budget based on a service level of 32 daily trains and average daily ridership of 18,700 trips;

WHEREAS: In accordance with the joint agreement between the Commissions for the distribution and allocation of Commuter Rail Operating and Capital (C-ROC) funds, the VRE Chief Executive Officer has proposed criteria for the prioritization and programming of C-ROC funds and has developed a list of recommended projects; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby adopts the FY2020 VRE Operating and Capital Budget in the following amounts and forwards this budget to the local jurisdictions for inclusion in their budgets and appropriations in accordance with the Master Agreement:

Operating Budget	\$ 89,228,375
Capital Budget	<u>64,934,700</u>
Total Operating and Capital	\$154,163,075

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC adopts the amended FY2019 VRE Operating and Capital Budget in the following amounts:

Operating Budget	\$ 88,319,064
Capital Budget	<u>76,250,383</u>
Total Operating and Capital	\$164,569,447

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes the executive directors of both PRTC and NVTC to submit to the Transportation Planning Board of the National Capital Region and to the Federal Transit Administration or other federal agencies, the appropriate Transit Improvement Program and grant applications for FY2019 and FY2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes its executive director to submit to the Commonwealth the approved budget as part of the FY2020 state aid grant applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes the chief executive officer of VRE to coordinate with Prince William County on a submission by the county for CMAQ/RSTP funding to complete final design of the Woodbridge Station Improvements project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorize its executive director to submit to the Commonwealth an FY2020 Rail Enhancement Fund (REF) grant application for funding to complete construction of the Crystal City Station Improvements project.

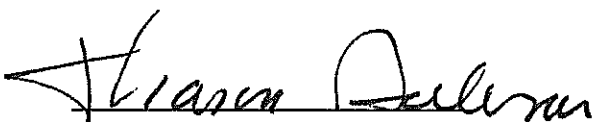
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC, in accordance with the C-ROC prioritization criteria and recommended project list, approves the commitment of \$15 million of FY2020 C-ROC funding as the required local match for a potential REF grant for construction of the Crystal City Station Improvements project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC, in accordance with the C-ROC prioritization criteria and recommended project list, approve the commitment of \$15 million of FY2019 C-ROC funding and \$15 million of FY2021 C-ROC funding for construction of the L'Enfant Station Improvements project.

Approved this 3rd day of January 2019.



Matthew F. Letourneau
Chairman



Sharon Bulova
Secretary-Treasurer