



**RESOLUTION #2386**

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the VRE CEO to Extend the Amended and Restated Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (the "Commissions") currently have an Amended and Restated Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation (CSXT) relating to VRE operations in the Fredericksburg to Washington corridor, with the agreement ending June 30, 2019;

**WHEREAS:** VRE staff is currently engaged in ongoing discussions with CSXT concerning a new agreement and does not anticipate conclusion of these discussions prior to the expiration of the Amended and Restated Operating/Access Agreement;

**WHEREAS:** The purpose of this extension is to allow time to identify and negotiate additional capacity improvement projects in the corridor;

**WHEREAS:** Necessary funding has been incorporated into the FY2020 budget to allow VRE to continue its operations over CSXT tracks via this extension; 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 an extension of the existing Restated and Amended Operating/Access Agreement with CSXT through June 30, 2020 in a form approved by legal counsel.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

  
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Sharon Bulova  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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