



## RESOLUTION #2411

- SUBJECT:** Authorize the Acting VRE CEO to Extend the Amended and Restated Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation (CSXT)
- WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“Commissions”) currently have an Amended and Restated Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation relating to VRE operations in the Fredericksburg to Washington corridor, with the agreement ending June 30, 2020;
- WHEREAS:** In December of 2019, the Commonwealth of Virginia announced the Virginia Rail Improvement Plan which includes the acquisition of CSX Transportation right-of-way in the Commonwealth;
- WHEREAS:** During the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority was established;
- WHEREAS:** The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority will manage the right-of-way acquired by the Commonwealth, including operating access agreements with VRE;
- WHEREAS:** VRE staff is currently working with the Commonwealth and CSX Transportation on agreements to continue VRE service consistent with the Virginia Rail Improvement Plan;
- WHEREAS:** Necessary funding has been incorporated into the FY 2021 budget to allow VRE to continue its operations over CSX Transportation 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 Acting VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute an extension of the existing Restated and Amended Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation through June 30, 2021 in a form approved by legal counsel.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

Jeffrey C. McKay  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Katie Cristol  
Chair