RESOLUTION #2453

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Submit L’Enfant Station and Fourth Track Project to USDOT for FY 2021 RAISE Funding Consideration

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2021 the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity to solicit applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation discretionary grant program;

WHEREAS: The VRE L’Enfant Station and Fourth Track project includes a relocated and expanded station with longer platform that can be serviced by full-length trains from two tracks, and addition of related fourth track through the station from Virginia interlocking to L’Enfant interlocking;

WHEREAS: VRE staff considers the development and final design phases of the L’Enfant Station and Fourth Track project a strong candidate for planning grant funding under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program;

WHEREAS: The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation program funds may be used for up to 80% of the project cost with the balance of the project coming from non-Federal sources;

WHEREAS: To be more competitive, a non-federal overmatch, a match greater than the 20% minimum, may be required and therefore the VRE matching funds could be up to 50% of the total cost, but may be as little as 20%; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following Commission action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to submit, on behalf of the Commissions, a planning grant application for the L’Enfant Station and Fourth Track project under the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) transportation discretionary grant program, to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or descriptions in the application and execute all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the project.

Approved this 1st day of July 2021.

Katie Cristol
Chair

Dalia Palchik
Secretary-Treasurer