



RESOLUTION #2470

SUBJECT: Adopt and Refer VRE's FY 2022 Revised and FY 2023 Recommended Budgets to the Jurisdictions

WHEREAS: The VRE Master Agreement requires 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 recommended FY 2023 Operating and Capital Budget within the guidelines developed in cooperation with the staff representatives of the local jurisdictions;

WHEREAS: The Amended FY 2022 and Recommended FY 2023 budgets reflect the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which began in March 2020 and has substantially reduced VRE's ridership;

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board found that a Master Agreement survey for the purposes of collecting rider data for subsidy allocation would have been challenging to safely administer in the current environment and unlikely to produce reliable results, and so the planned October 2021 survey was cancelled;

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board finds that the availability of emergency federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) allows for VRE to supplement lost passenger revenues and achieve a balanced budget without requiring fare increases, service reductions or increases in jurisdictional subsidy;

WHEREAS: VRE staff recommends a budget based on a service level of 32 daily revenue trains and average daily ridership of 8,000 trips;

WHEREAS: The FY 2023 budget recommends no changes to current passenger fares, including the Amtrak Step-Up fare, which is currently suspended;

WHEREAS: The FY 2023 budget recommends a total jurisdictional subsidy contribution of \$13,544,122; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby adopts the FY 2023 VRE Operating and Capital Budget in the following amounts and forward this budget to the local jurisdictions for inclusion in their budgets and appropriations in accordance with the Master Agreement:

Operating Budget	\$ 97,766,901
Capital Budget	\$ 87,710,687
Total Operating and Capital	\$185,477,588

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC hereby adopts the amended FY 2022 Operating and Capital Budget in the following amounts:

Operating Budget	\$ 89,598,387
Capital Budget	\$ 97,515,922
Total Operating and Capital	\$187,114,309

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having cancelled the October 2021 Master Agreement Survey, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby recommend the jurisdictional subsidy in the FY 2023 Operating and Capital Budget be allocated among the nine jurisdictions in the same proportions used in the FY 2021 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, given the availability of federal pandemic relief funding to supplement lost passenger revenues, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby recommend that it is in the best interests of the Commissions and the riders of VRE the Amended FY 2022 and Recommended FY 2023 Operating Budgets do not achieve a 50% recovery of operating expenses from passenger fares.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, given the current difficulty of accurately projecting future ridership, tax revenues, and other key inputs, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission acknowledges the FY 2023 Operating and Capital Budget does not include a formal six-year financial forecast, and staff will resume presenting such financial forecasts in future budgets when there is less uncertainty over the pandemic recovery and potential changes to commuting behavior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby authorize 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, applications for Transit Improvement Program and grants for FY 2022 and FY 2023, the anticipated revenues from which have already been incorporated in the budgets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director of NVTC to submit to the Commonwealth the approved budget as part of the FY 2023 state aid grant applications.

Approved this 6th day of January 2022.

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