RESOLUTION #2495

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Submit VRE Applications to the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY 2024-2025 Program

WHEREAS: On November 3, 2022, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("NVTC") and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission ("PRTC") (jointly, the "Commissions") opened a call for projects for the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY 2024-2025 funding program;

WHEREAS: Transit operators serving NVTC and PRTC jurisdictions, expressly including the Commissions as joint operators of the VRE commuter rail service, are eligible applicants to I-395/95 Commuter Choice under the program’s governing Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS: VRE staff have identified and prioritized capital and operating improvements for proposed Commuter Choice applications, totaling $14.8 million for operations and $30.9 million for capital projects, that support and implement planned service enhancements authorized through the Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative;

WHEREAS: VRE staff consider the proposed capital and operating improvements strong candidates for Commuter Choice funding due to their ability to move more people more efficiently through the I-395/95 corridor and expand commuters’ travel options; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board, in accordance with VRE procedures for grant applications, recommends that the Commissions authorize submission of the applications for evaluation and funding consideration based on applicable project selection criteria.

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 VRE application(s) to the I-395/95 Commuter Choice FY 2024 - 2025 program, to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or descriptions in the application(s) and execute all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the VRE application(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission’s action does not constitute approval of any VRE application(s) or eliminate the need for the VRE application(s) to qualify for funding based on an objective evaluation using criteria established for the adopted I-395/95 Commuter Choice project selection process.

Approved this 5th day of January 2023.

Dalia Palchik
Chair

David F. Snyder
Secretary-Treasurer