



**RESOLUTION #2503**

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the VRE CEO to Extend the Term of the Operating Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern

**WHEREAS:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission ("the Commissions") currently have an Operating Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company;

**WHEREAS:** The current agreement expires June 30, 2023;

**WHEREAS:** Virginia Railway Express (VRE) staff and Norfolk Southern have been in discussions regarding the terms of a new agreement;

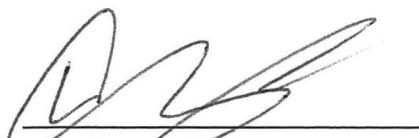
**WHEREAS:** Both parties agree more time is needed;


**WHEREAS:** A letter agreement is being proposed that will extend the term until June 30, 2024; 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 a letter agreement, in a form approved by legal counsel, to extend the term of the current Operating Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for one year to expire on June 30, 2024.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023.

  
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David F. Snyder  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
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