

## **RESOLUTION #2526**

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Submit VRE Applications to the NVTC I-66 Commuter

Choice FY2025-2026 Program

WHEREAS: On October 6, 2023 the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

opened a call for projects for the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 funding

program;

WHEREAS: VRE staff have identified capital and operating improvements as proposed

Commuter Choice applications, including \$6,570,000 for capital funding (Alexandria Station Improvements Project) and \$5,766,000 for operating funding (\$4,766,000 for Service Enhancements on the Manassas Line and \$1,000,000 for Manassas Line Step-Up Service Reinstatement), 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-66 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, VRE applications to the I-66 Commuter Choice FY 2025-2026 program; to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or descriptions in the applications; and execute all project funding agreements that may result from

consideration of the VRE applications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission's action does not constitute approval of any VRE applications or eliminate the need for the VRE applications to qualify for funding

based on an objective evaluation using criteria established for the adopted I-66

Commuter Choice project selection process.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

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Chair

David F. Snyder

Secretary-Treasurer