



RESOLUTION #2559

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Washington Area Rail Coordination

WHEREAS: VRE, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC), and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), collectively referred to as "the Parties", each have plans to improve rail operations and/or passenger experience in the Washington metropolitan area;

WHEREAS: Most of the Parties' planned investments in rail operations and/or the passenger experience will impact the plans of the other Parties due to the systemic connectivity of the region's rail system;

WHEREAS: The plans and operations of the Parties all converge at Washington Union Station (the "Station") and all Parties have shared interests in implementing near-term, medium-term, and longterm improvements to the Station;

WHEREAS: Better coordination, planning, communication, and shared investments between the Parties will lead to improved development and delivery of projects which will benefit the region's rail system;

WHEREAS: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Parties has been developed that establishes a Capital Region Rail Coordinating Committee ("the Committee") to endeavor to organize the region's railroad planning efforts around these shared interests, in order to create alignment among the Parties;

WHEREAS: The Committee's goal is to establish long-term, coordinated regional rail plans and annual workstreams to collaborate and advance priority projects and strategic initiatives to incrementally build towards an integrated passenger rail system; 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC), and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) regarding Washington Area Rail Coordination.

Approved this 1st day of May, 2025.

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Matthew F. Letourneau
Secretary-Treasurer

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David F. Snyder
Chair