



## RESOLUTION #2578

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA for Four Manassas Line Property Interests

**WHEREAS:** In August 2024, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) acquired the Manassas Line from Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR);

**WHEREAS:** In February 2025, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("the Commissions") approved an Amended Manassas Line Funding Agreement with VPRA, authorizing payment by the Commissions of \$155 million to VPRA over a five-year period to acquire four property interests from VPRA;

**WHEREAS:** These four property interests are (1) Seminary Yard in Alexandria; (2) the Broad Run Corridor providing a new lead track from the Broad Run Maintenance and Storage Facility to the Manassas main line; (3) permanent easements for the five existing station platforms in the VPRA-owned right of way on the Manassas Line (Backlick Road, Rolling Road, Burke Centre, Manassas Park and Manassas); and (4) a permanent commuter rail operating easement along one half of the entire VPRA-owned Manassas Line;

**WHEREAS:** These four property interests are critical to the current and future commuter rail operations of Virginia Railway Express (VRE);

**WHEREAS:** In accordance with a Purchase Deposit Agreement between VPRA and the Commissions, approved as part of the Funding Agreement, a \$26 million payment using non-federal funds was recently made as a down payment on the purchase of the four property interests; and

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommends approval of the proposed Contract of Purchase and Sale with VPRA in order to finalize the purchase details and close on the acquisition of the four property interests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Contract of Purchase and Sale with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for acquisition by the Commissions of four property interests on the Manassas Line, specifically, Seminary Yard, the Broad Run lead, five platform easements, and an operating easement on one half of the length of the VPRA-owned Manassas Line.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC authorizes the Virginia Railway Express Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commissions and to further execute all documents, approved by the VRE General Counsel, necessary to conclude the transfer of the four property interests to the Commissions.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
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David F. Snyder  
Chair

  
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Matthew F. Letourneau  
Secretary-Treasurer