



RESOLUTION #2610

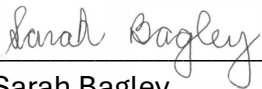
- SUBJECT:** Approve the Operations and Access Agreement with VPRA for Service Over the Manassas Line and Authorize the VRE CEO to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the Commissions
- WHEREAS:** Since 1992, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (“the Commissions”) have provided commuter rail service on a route known as the VRE Manassas Line over railroad right of way owned or used by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“Norfolk Southern”), pursuant to successive operating access agreements between the Commissions and Norfolk Southern;
- WHEREAS:** On August 29, 2024, the Commonwealth, acting through the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), entered into an Amended and Restated Comprehensive Rail Agreement with Norfolk Southern, in which VPRA purchased most of territory upon which VRE runs its Manassas Line service (the “VPRA-Acquired VRE Manassas Territory”), with specific sections retained by Norfolk Southern;
- WHEREAS:** On September 4, 2024, the Commissions entered into an Interim Manassas Line Commuter Rail Operations and Access Agreement with VPRA to allow VRE to continue providing commuter rail service over the VPRA-Acquired Manassas Territory under terms substantially similar to that of the 2014 Operations and Access Agreement between the Commissions and Norfolk Southern, with the exception of reducing annual costs for access and dispatching;
- WHEREAS:** The Interim Agreement contemplates a future VPRA-VRE Operating Agreement to be negotiated by VPRA and VRE to replace the Interim Agreement;
- WHEREAS:** The parties have negotiated the terms of an Operations and Access Agreement that, in conjunction with rights granted by VRE’s acquisition of four property interests from VPRA, would preserve VRE’s exclusive right to operate commuter rail service over the VPRA-Acquired VRE Manassas Line Territory; and
- WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Operations and Access Agreement with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for Commuter Rail Service over the Manassas Line and authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 4th day of June, 2026.



Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer



Sarah Bagley
Chair