NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #2616

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Submit, on Behalf of the Commissions, a Joint VRE-VPRA Application to the USDOT for PROTECT FY 2024-2026 Planning Grant Funding

WHEREAS: On August 27, 2026, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) opened a notice of funding opportunity under the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 through 2026;

WHEREAS: On June 20, 2024, The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board (MWCOG TPB) adopted the Washington D.C. region's Transportation Resiliency Improvement Plan (TRIP) and incorporated it into the region's metropolitan transportation plan, including VRE and VPRA-submitted planning study concepts based on areas identified by the TRIP's Vulnerability Assessment of future infrastructure vulnerability caused by adverse heat and inland flooding;

WHEREAS: Because the majority of the future infrastructure that VRE will operate over is owned or controlled by VPRA, VRE has partnered with VPRA to submit a joint application for a Planning Grant under this funding opportunity with VRE as the Lead Applicant;

WHEREAS: The joint VRE-VPRA application will include a request for funding to study in greater detail those areas within the VRE operating territory that were identified as highly vulnerable to future adverse climate events in the TRIP and to develop any resulting resiliency implementation projects to a conceptual level of design, positioning these projects for future priorities evaluation, TRIP inclusion and implementation grant funding opportunities;

WHEREAS: The federal share for Planning Grant funding awards is 100%, with no local match required by successful applicants seeking to conduct resilience planning activities under this program; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to submit, on behalf of the Commissions, the joint VRE-VPRA Planning Grant application to the USDOT PROTECT FY 2024-2026 funding round.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes the VRE CEO, or her designee, to make any necessary corrections to the project amount or descriptions in the application and execute all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the VRE-VPRA joint application.

Approved this 1st day of October, 2026.

Sarah Bagley
Chair

Maureen Coffey
Secretary-Treasurer