

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: AUTHORIZE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY’S FY2019 BUILD
TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BROAD RUN COMMUTER LOT
PROJECT**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program on April 23, 2019 to solicit applications for competitive grants for projects demonstrating a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County is developing a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program grant application for the construction of a Broad Run Station commuter parking lot north of the Norfolk South tracks; and

WHEREAS, a Broad Run commuter lot on the north side of the tracks will provide OMNIRIDE easier access to and from the station, allow opportunities for future transit services such as flexible commuter shuttles from the residential areas near Broad Run, potential new or expanded commuter and local bus services along the Route 28 corridor and other innovative transit services to support multi-modal activity. The additional parking capacity allows OMNIRIDE to look at what synergies exist between bus and rail and provide more options for commuters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby support, and endorse, the application by Prince William County for FY2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation grants program for the Broad Run Commuter Lot project and authorizes the Executive Director to provide a letter of support to Secretary Chao for the project.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:


Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting:



July 11, 2019

TO: Madam Chair Anderson and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Robert A. Schneider, PhD 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorize Letter of Support for Prince William County's FY2019 Build Transportation Grant Application for the Broad Run Commuter Lot Project

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to provide a letter of support for Prince William County's FY2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation grant application for the Broad Run Commuter Lot project.

Background:

On April 23, 2019 the U.S Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for the FY2019 Build Transportation Grant program. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that demonstrate a significant local or regional impact. Applications are due July 15, 2019.

The Broad Run Commuter Lot will be adjacent to the VRE Broad Run Station on the Manassas Line and, along with the new parking spaces, will include bicycle and pedestrian access, as well as, facilities to accommodate bus stops and allow for adequate bus circulation within the lot. The commuter lot will be on the north side of the tracks and will provide easier access to and from the station when bus bridges are necessary to assist VRE train operations. It will allow opportunities for future transit services such as flexible commuter shuttles from the residential areas near Broad Run, potential new or expanded commuter and local bus services along the Route 28 corridor, and other innovative transit services to support multi-modal activity. The additional parking capacity allows OMNIRIDE to look at what synergies exist between bus and rail and provide more options for commuters. A true multi-modal transportation mode, the project will allow commuters to bike, walk, or drive to the commuter lot and join up with carpools/vanpools, access buses, or board VRE's commuter rail service.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.