

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION COMMENDATION

ACTION:

WHEREAS, in 2008 Congress passed the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA) requiring all commuter and freight railroads operating in the United States to implement Positive Train Control (PTC), a complex signaling and communications technology designed to make passenger and freight rail safer; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), as a commuter rail system in the United States, is required to implement PTC on all of its routes; and

WHEREAS, VRE demonstrated its commitment to providing safe, reliable commuter rail service in Northern Virginia by quickly implementing and operating PTC; and

WHEREAS, VRE achieved a safety milestone on April 11, 2019 when each of VRE's 32 inbound and outbound trains on the Fredericksburg and Manassas lines ran under PTC operation; and

WHEREAS, VRE exceeded regulatory standards to implement PTC ahead of the congressionally mandated deadline of December 2020 to achieve full implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) does hereby commends the Virginia Railway Express for fully implementing Positive Train Control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PRTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doug Allen, VRE Chief Executive Officer, as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation of his leadership and work, as well as the work of his staff, to make commuting in Northern Virginia safer.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote:

Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting: