

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF VRE PROJECTS TO THE NORTHERN
VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FY2024 – 2025 SIX-YEAR PROGRAM
UPDATE FUNDING CONSIDERATION**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has issued a call for regional transportation projects to agencies and jurisdictions for consideration for funding for its FY2024 – 2025 Six-Year Program update; and

WHEREAS, the Crystal City Station Improvements construction project and Woodbridge Station and Track Improvements final design project are not fully funded; and

WHEREAS, each of the projects satisfies NVTA funding eligibility requirements to both be included in the TransAction long-range regional transportation plan (TransAction Project ID 298 – VRE Alexandria-DC Rail Capacity Improvements, TransAction Project ID 301 Fredericksburg Line Service Expansion, and TransAction Project ID 302 – Fredericksburg Line Peak Period Service Expansion) and increase transit capacity; and

WHEREAS, the VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby approves the submission of the Crystal City Station Improvements construction project and Woodbridge Station and Track Improvement final design project to the NVTA for consideration for funding in its FY2024 – 2025 Six-Year Program update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to submit the approved projects for funding, to make any necessary corrections to project amounts or descriptions, and to execute all project agreements on behalf of the Commissions.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting:



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

ITEM 6D
October 3, 2019

Agenda Item 9-D
Action Item

To: Chair Cristol and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: September 20, 2019

**Re: Recommend Approval and Authorize Submission of VRE
Projects to NVTa for FY 2024-2025 Six-Year Program Update
Funding Consideration**

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions approve submission of the Crystal City Station Improvements construction and Woodbridge Station and Track Improvements final design projects to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) for evaluation and funding consideration in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Six-Year Program (SYP) update; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit the approved projects for funding, make any necessary corrections to project amounts or descriptions in the applications, and execute all project funding agreements that may result from consideration of the projects.

Summary:

This resolution will recommend the Commissions approve submission of the Crystal City Station Improvements construction project and the Woodbridge Station and Track Improvement final design project to NVTa for FY2024-2025 SYP Update.

Background:

NVTa issued a call for regional transportation projects for its FY2024-2025 SYP Update on June 7, 2019. NVTa can only consider projects for funding that are included in the TransAction long-range regional transportation plan. Candidate projects are subjected to a comprehensive regional evaluation process, with priority given to projects providing the highest congestion reduction relative to cost. Long Term Benefit will be a new factor



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considered for this update. In addition, NVRTA can only fund mass transit capital projects that increase capacity.

Applications are due at 5:00 pm on September 27, 2019. NVRTA requires resolution of support for project applications by the governing body of the submitting jurisdiction or agency. VRE also seeks resolutions of support from the governing body of the jurisdiction where its project is located. Resolutions of Support are due at 5:00 pm on November 29, 2019.

The following VRE projects are recommended for submission to NVRTA. Both projects are included in TransAction and will expand VRE capacity. They are also identified in the VRE Capital Improvement Program and System Plan 2040.

1. ***Crystal City Station Improvements (Construction)***: This project will provide a relocated and expanded station with a longer platform sized to serve full-length trains on two tracks simultaneously. This project is related to and must be coordinated with the Atlantic Gateway Project (4th Track from Alexandria to Potomac River). Funding has been identified to complete the Preliminary Engineering Design, Environmental Review, and Final Design phases, and partially fund the Construction phase. The total estimated cost for Construction is \$44.5 million. VRE has committed \$15.0 million in C-ROC funds and \$13.7 million in State of Good Repair funds. This NVRTA funding request is for the remaining \$15.8 million. Funding is requested in FY 2024 or sooner. (*TransAction Project ID 298 - VRE Alexandria-DC Rail Capacity Improvements*)
2. ***Woodbridge Station and Track Improvements (Final Design)***: This project will provide an expanded station with one island and one side platform sized to serve full-length trains from three tracks and add related segment of the third track through the station. The station improvements will not preclude a future fourth track. Both platforms will be provided grade-separated pedestrian access. The design and construction of the third track and future fourth track will be coordinated with the Commonwealth of Virginia's DC2RVA project. Funding has been identified to complete the Preliminary Engineering Design and Environmental Review phases. NVRTA funding is requested in FY 2024 to complete Final Design. The NVRTA funding request is for \$2.21 million. The total estimated cost for Construction is \$25.5 million of which \$1.2 million has been identified and \$24.3 million is currently unfunded. (*TransAction Project ID 301 Fredericksburg Line Service Expansion and TransAction Project ID 302 - Fredericksburg Line Peak Period Service Expansion*)

Fiscal Impact:

The submission of a project funding request has no fiscal impact. If selected for funding, the NVTAF funds would allow the projects to advance to the next phase(s) of project development and implementation.