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RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD

January 10, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Bulova Seconded By: Mr. Hall

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Authorization of Execution of Comprehensive Rail Agreement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

WHEREAS, to improve passenger rail service within the Commonwealth, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“VPRA”) desires to acquire a rail corridor now owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) between approximately (i) milepost V-250.5 west of Roanoke and (ii) approximately milepost V-279.0 in Merrimac (the “Purchased V-Line”);

WHEREAS, VPRA has negotiated an agreement (the “Comprehensive Rail Agreement”) with NSR to acquire the Purchased V-Line for thirty-eight million two hundred thousand dollars (\$38,200,000);

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Rail Agreement will permit VPRA to (i) increase passenger rail service between Roanoke and Washington, DC, and (ii) extend passenger rail service beyond Roanoke to the New River Valley;

WHEREAS, under the Comprehensive Rail Agreement, VPRA will provide funding for \$168,000,000 of capital improvements and capital maintenance west of Manassas in support of the new passenger rail service;

WHEREAS, NSR will continue freight rail operations over the Purchased V-Line after VPRA acquires it and the Comprehensive Rail Agreement governs the joint operations of NSR and passenger rail providers over the Purchased V-Line; and

WHEREAS, Va. Code § 33.2-293(A) authorizes the VPRA to acquire by purchase rail facilities and other lands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and execute the Comprehensive Rail Agreement, along with any related documents required by the Comprehensive Rail Agreement, in a form consistent with the final major business terms presented by the VPRA Executive Director to the Board on January 10, 2022, and to consummate the acquisition of the Purchased V-Line as contemplated by the Comprehensive Rail Agreement.

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