

VPRA Decision Brief

Authorization to Enter into Funding Agreements in Support of VRE Projects

July 21, 2022

Issue: This resolution would authorize the VPRA Executive Director to enter into funding agreements with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (collectively, the “Commissions”) under which VPRA would assume funding commitments made by DRPT under existing agreements between DRPT and one or both Commissions.

Facts: The Commissions operate the commuter passenger rail service known as “Virginia Railway Express”. DRPT has various existing agreements under which it participates in funding Virginia Railway Express projects. VPRA, as the Commonwealth entity now charged with promoting, sustaining, and expanding commuter rail service in the Commonwealth, now desires to step into the place of DRPT and fulfill the contractual commitments made by DRPT using the same funding sources. VPRA also desires to have a contractual mechanism to participate in funding future Virginia Railway Express projects.

Recommendation: Authorize the VPRA Executive Director to enter agreements allowing it to step into the place of DRPT for certain Virginia Railway Express projects.

Action Required by VPRA: Authorize execution of the funding agreements with the Commissions, and related documents.

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.