



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Barbara Smith  
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RE: Letter of No Prejudice for the Ettrick Station Parking Lot Design Project

Dear Barbara:

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“Authority” or “VPRA”) understands that the Chesterfield County Transportation Department has requested a letter of no prejudice prior to advancing design for a parking lot at Amtrak’s Ettrick Station (Project) based on its FY2020 application submitted to DRPT for Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Funds. Under the County’s application, any funds it expends on the Project will be counted toward the County’s local match.

On June 19, 2019 the Commonwealth Transportation Board allocated funding for the project, with a commitment of \$75,000 Local Match from Chesterfield County, in the Department’s Fiscal Year 2020 Six Year Improvement Program. This Project was moved to and included in the Authority’s FY2022 Recommended Budget for \$1.5M in state funds and approved by the VPRA Board on May 24, 2021 as a Commonwealth Rail Fund Project.

Although the Commonwealth Rail Fund Agreement for this Project has not been executed, the importance of the timing of this project dictates that design work begin. Accordingly, as of June 19, 2019, upon Authority review and approval of submission, any funds spent by Chesterfield County towards the design of the Project are eligible to be counted towards Chesterfield County’s Local Match up to \$75,000.

Members of VPRA staff will work with legal counsel to develop an agreement which will include all of the conditions and requirements of the grant program. Please contact Jeremy Latimer, Director of Rail Services at (804) 836-4072 or [Jeremy.Latimer@vpra.virginia.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Latimer@vpra.virginia.gov) should you have any questions or comments concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael McLaughlin".

Michael McLaughlin  
Chief Operating Officer