

VPRA Decision Brief
Resolution Adopting the Northern Virginia Core Capacity Project
January 24, 2023

Issue: VPRA is currently pursuing FTA Capital Investment Grant funding to support certain initiatives and it is a condition of such funding that this Board adopt the locally preferred alternative for the Northern Virginia Core Capacity Project as a discrete VPRA project.

Facts: The Northern Virginia Core Capacity Project consists of the following segments: (i) the Long Bridge Project, (ii) the Alexandria Fourth Track Project, and (iii) the acquisition of three new trainsets to be used in the Virginia Railway Express (“VRE”) commuter train service. VPRA is currently delivering the Long Bridge Project and the Alexandria Fourth Track Project pursuant to a Comprehensive Rail Agreement between VPRA and CSX Transportation, Inc. In addition, VPRA intends to provide funding for the new VRE trainsets, to be procured by VRE.

Recommendation: Formally adopt the Northern Virginia Core Capacity Project as a discrete VPRA project in the furtherance of securing FTA Capital Investment Grant funding.

Action Required by VPRA: Adopt the project by majority vote.

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.