

**VPRA Decision Brief**  
**Franconia-Springfield Bypass Project Application for NVTA Regional Funds in the FY2024**  
**- 2029 Six Year Program**  
**August 30, 2023**

**Issue:** The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (“NVTA”) accepts applications for regionally significant transportation projects every two years during the Six Year Program update. VPRA applied for up to \$50,000,000 towards construction of the Franconia-Springfield Passenger Rail Bypass Project (the “Bypass Project”). To be considered complete, the Board must endorse the funding application.

**Facts:** The Bypass Project is a 1.8-mile-long project with a dedicated passenger rail flyover bridge that will allow trains to fluidly cross over two CSX Transportation, Inc. mainline rail tracks and avoid at-grade crossover delays for VRE and Amtrak passenger trains moving from the east to west side of the corridor as they serve passenger stations. The Bypass Project is estimated to cost \$405,000,000.

**Recommendation:** Pass a resolution endorsing the VPRA application for up to \$50,000,000 in support of construction on the Bypass Project, which application was submitted by VPRA to NVTA under the FY2024-FY2029 Six Year Program update on July 28, 2023.

**Action Required by VPRA:** Adopt the resolution by majority vote.

**Options:** Approve. Deny. Defer.