

VPRA Decision Brief

Authorization for VPRA to Become the Project Sponsor with Respect to Franconia-Springfield Passenger Rail Bypass Project Funding Originally Awarded to DRPT by NVTA **August 30, 2023**

Issue: In 2019, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) applied for Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (“NVTA”) regional funds under the FY2020-FY2025 Six Year Program Update to advance final design and construction of the Franconia-Springfield Passenger Rail Bypass Project (the “Bypass Project”). NVTA awarded \$22,958,821 to DRPT. Since that time VPRA was created and is now leading design and construction of the Bypass Project.

Facts: NVTA has advised VPRA that a resolution from the VPRA Board is necessary to request reassignment of the grant award and project sponsorship from DRPT to VPRA.

Recommendation: Formally adopt a resolution authorizing VPRA to step into the place of DRPT with respect to DRPT’s grant application for the Bypass Project.

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

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.