Newport News Rail Facility - FRA Grant



Newport News Station, Platform, & Service Facility Project

- > The City of Newport News and VPRA are partnering to construct a replacement passenger train station with intermodal connectivity.
- ➤ VPRA's funding commitment supports the track, platform, and train service facilities which will provide a new location for storage and servicing of Amtrak trains. The project will remove a conflict with existing CSX coal yard facilities by allowing Amtrak trains to serve the station, turn, and service off CSX mainlines.
- > FY24 Budget includes \$43.9M total project budget and \$20.5M of VPRA Commonwealth Rail Funds.



Federal Railroad Administration – CRISI Grant

- Congress directed \$1,200,000 to the "Newport News Transportation Center" in the Appropriations Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2023. The earmark was made under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program.
- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is responsible for overseeing the CRISI program, and it will administer this CRISI grant consistent with the requirements defined in 49 U.S.C. 22907.
- > VPRA will be the recipient agency and will coordinate with the City who is leading construction of the project to provide the funding.



Budget Amendment – Newport News Facility CRISI Grant

> §3.4.1 of VPRA's Bylaws requires the Board to approve capital grants budget adjustments exceeding \$250,000.

➤ Requesting an increase to the total budget for the line item titled "Newport News Station, Platform, & Service Facility" in the FY24 Budget to include the \$1,200,000 of FRA funds which will fund the completion of the train facilities at Bland Boulevard in Newport News.



THANK YOU

• Questions?



