



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### **RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD**

**August 30, 2023**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Rod Hall      Seconded By: Sharon Bulova**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Authorization for VPRA to Become the Project Sponsor with Respect to Franconia-Springfield Passenger Rail Bypass Project Funding Originally Awarded to DRPT by NVTA**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“VPRA”) was created by the General Assembly in 2020 with a mission to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, in anticipation of VPRA’s creation but before VPRA was formally established, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) applied for funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (“NVTA”) relating to the Franconia-Springfield Passenger Rail Bypass project (the “Bypass Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Bypass Project is eligible to receive NVTA regional funding as a project associated with TransAction Primary ID 93 (Fredericksburg Line Capacity Improvements); and

**WHEREAS**, based on DRPT’s grant application, NVTA approved the Bypass Project application and \$22,958,821 of funding (the “Funding”) under its FY2020-FY2025 Six Year Program (NVTA Project ID: 2020-313-1); and

**WHEREAS**, VPRA, and not DRPT, is leading the design and construction of the Bypass Project; and

**WHEREAS**, VPRA and DRPT now desire VPRA to step into the place of DRPT as project sponsor with respect to DRPT’s grant application for the Bypass Project, and for VPRA to be eligible to perform the work listed in the application, to receive project reimbursements, and to otherwise administer the Bypass Project as originally applied for by DRPT and approved by NVTA.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the VPRA Board hereby:

- (i) authorizes VPRA to step into the place of DRPT as project sponsor with respect to DRPT's grant application for the Bypass Project, and to receive project reimbursements from NVTA; and
- (ii) authorizes the VPRA Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a NVTA standard project agreement providing for VPRA's administration of the Bypass Project as originally applied for by DRPT and approved by NVTA, with any changes that he deems necessary or useful, as may be agreed by NVTA, and to sign reimbursement requests and other documents related to the Funding.

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