

VPRA Decision Brief

Authority to Execute FY25 State Supported Agreement between VPRA and Amtrak **August 27, 2024**

Issue: VPRA is requesting the Board to authorize the VPRA Executive Director to negotiate and execute a FY25 State Supported Agreement with Amtrak.

Facts: Amtrak currently provides intercity passenger rail service for eight daily roundtrips supported financially by VPRA under an agreement covering federal fiscal year 2024. The current agreement expires at the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30, 2024, and VPRA seeks authorization to negotiate and enter into a substantially similar agreement with Amtrak for the same service covering federal fiscal year 2025.

Recommendation: Authorize the VPRA Executive Director to negotiate and execute the FY25 State Supported Agreement.

Action Required by VPRA: Authorize negotiation and execution of the FY25 State Supported Agreement by majority vote.

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.