

VPRA Decision Brief

Authority to Execute FY26 State Supported Agreement between VPRA and Amtrak **October 7, 2025**

Issue: VPRA is requesting the Board to authorize the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and execute a FY26 State Supported Agreement with Amtrak.

Facts: Amtrak currently provides intercity passenger rail service for certain daily roundtrips supported financially by VPRA under an agreement covering federal fiscal year 2025. The current agreement has entered into an automatic continuation period as of the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30, 2025, and VPRA seeks authorization to finalize and enter into an agreement with Amtrak for the same service covering federal fiscal year 2026. The parties intend to use the FY26 State Supported Agreement as a base, long-term agreement, and simply to amend the appendices to that agreement, as needed, for each future federal fiscal year period.

Recommendation: Authorize the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and execute the FY26 State Supported Agreement.

Action Required by VPRA: Authorize negotiation and execution of the FY26 State Supported Agreement by majority vote.

Options: Approve. Deny. Defer.