



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD

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#### MOTION

Made By:           Seconded By:

Action:

#### Title: Authorizing the Acquisition of Property for Rail Projects

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“VPRA”) is undertaking and/or facilitating the following railroad construction projects (the “**Relevant Projects**”), each of which has progressed to at least 60% design:

PROJECT	APPROXIMATE MILEPOST(S)
Alexandria Fourth Track	CFP 104.1 – CFP 110.1
Alexandria Station Improvements (VRE-led)	CFP 105.19 – CFP 105.37
King and Commonwealth Bridge Replacements (VRE-Led)	CFP 105.30; CFP 105.37
Franconia-Lorton Third Track <sup>1</sup>	CFP 92.3 – CFP 99.0
Franconia-Springfield Bypass	CFP 96.2 – CFP 97.3
Railroad Bridges over Newington Road	CFP 95.3 – CFP 96.2
Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A) <sup>2</sup>	CFP 65.2 – CFP 61.3
Ettrick Station Improvements	A-22.0
Long Bridge (North Package)	CFP 110.76 – CFP 111.57
Long Bridge (South Package)	CFP 110.1 – CFP 110.76
L’Enfant Fourth Track and Station Improvements (VRE-Led)	CFP 111.5 – CFP 112.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes the Fairfax Sanitary Sewer Relocations project.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the Stafford County Sanitary Sewer Relocations project.

**WHEREAS**, VPRA will need to acquire interests in real property, whether temporary or permanent, to carry out the Relevant Projects (the “**Necessary Interests**”); and

**WHEREAS**, Va. Code § 33.2-293 authorizes VPRA to, *inter alia*, acquire the Necessary Interests, including by the exercise of the power of eminent domain under certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has recognized, and continues to recognize, the public necessity of completing the Relevant Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, VPRA is at the stage of the Relevant Projects where it is acquiring the Necessary Interests, and (though, it is the practice of VPRA to avoid, whenever feasible, exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property interests) it may become unavoidable that VPRA exercises the power of eminent domain to acquire the Necessary Interests; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia applies to local governments, generally, but Va. Code § 15.2-1903.B. also requires “other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth” to hold a public hearing prior to initiating condemnation proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, VPRA is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and Va. Code § 15.2-1903.B. may apply to VPRA; and

**WHEREAS**, to satisfy Va. Code § 15.2-1903.B. (to the extent it applies to VPRA), and by reason of public necessity, the Board desires to authorize VPRA staff to acquire by purchase, grant, or condemnation the Necessary Interests.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Relevant Projects, recognizes that the Relevant Projects are public uses within the meaning of Va. Code § 1-219.1, and directs VPRA staff to acquire by purchase, grant, or condemnation the Necessary Interests, as defined herein, in accordance with Va. Code § 33.2-293, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

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