



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 18*

### **RESOLUTION** **OF THE** **COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**December 7, 2016**

### **MOTION**

**Made By: Ms. Valentine, Seconded By: Mr. Williams**  
**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

### **Title: Change in Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program Allocation for Arkendale Third Track Project**

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-214(B) of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) of anticipated projects and programs and that the SYIP shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP on June 14, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and after consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board member for the district, is authorized up to \$200,000 to reallocate funds among existing grants, to allocate additional funds to existing projects up to \$200,000 per grant, and to award additional federal and state funds for rail and public transportation projects up to \$200,000, and to deobligate funds from projects, as may be necessary to meet the goals of the Board, and that if such allocation exceeds \$200,000, the Director shall bring such request to the Board on a monthly basis for their approval prior to taking any action to record or award such action; further, the Director is authorized to make changes to the scope of a Board approved grant as needed in order to accomplish the intended project and/or outcome; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2012, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) received \$74,840,119 in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds to construct a third main line on CSX's Right of Way in Stafford and Prince William Counties. The project will improve the ability of freight and passenger trains to overtake and pass one another in a heavily congested freight corridor, thereby improving overall network capacity for intercity passenger rail service.

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Board allocated an additional \$31,000,000 in Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital funds to accommodate track construction and island platform station improvements at Quantico Station, which allows better utilization of all three tracks for passenger rail service and added to the original project scope.

**WHEREAS**, as project construction commenced, the design-build team began reporting differing site conditions and poor soil conditions which resulted in significant cost increases to the original project scope. Despite redesign efforts, using budgeted contingency, and plans to reduce the original project scope, the project will require up to an additional \$9,159,881 to complete; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT recommends this request for approval.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the change in allocation to the Arkendale Third Track Project from \$31,000,000 to \$40,159,881, and amends the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP to reflect this change.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### **Change in Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program Allocation for Arkendale Third Track Project**

#### **Issue:**

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) requests an increase in the allocation in the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for the Arkendale Third Track Project from \$31,000,000 to \$40,159,881. Changes to the Six-Year Improvement Program over \$200,000 must be approved by Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) prior to allocation and award.

#### **Facts:**

On September 13, 2012, DRPT received \$74,840,119 in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds to construct a third main line on CSX's Right of Way in Stafford and Prince William Counties. The project will improve the ability of freight and passenger trains to overtake and pass one another in a heavily congested freight corridor, thereby improving overall network capacity for intercity passenger rail service.

In 2014, the CTB allocated an additional \$31,000,000 in Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital funds to accommodate track construction and island platform station improvements at Quantico Station, which allows better utilization of all three tracks for passenger rail service and added to the original project scope.

As project construction commenced, the design-build team began reporting differing site conditions and poor soil conditions which resulted in significant cost increases to the original project scope. Despite redesign efforts, using budgeted contingency, and plans to reduce the original project scope, the project will require up to an additional \$9,159,881 to complete.

**Recommendations:** DRPT recommends the approval of this additional allocation to the SYIP for Fiscal Years 2017 – 2022.

**Action Required by CTB:** Change the allocation for the Arkendale Third Track Project in the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP from \$31,000,000 to \$40,159,881.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.