



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item # 8*

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

**March 19, 2009**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Keen Seconded By: Mr. McCarthy Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: CSX Transportation Framework Agreement to Enhance Passenger and Freight Rail Service in the Commonwealth**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is committed to supporting an efficient and effective multimodal transportation system in Virginia, including passenger rail service; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger and freight rail service provides significant public benefits to the Commonwealth through increased mobility, greater connectivity and more transportation choices for all Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, the revised Six-Year Improvement Program for FY2009-FY2014 includes the necessary improvements required to implement new passenger rail service between Washington, D.C. and Lynchburg in the I-81/Route 29 corridor and between Washington, D.C. and Richmond in the I-95 corridor as the first phases of these improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has worked collaboratively with CSX Transportation to establish an agreement that will improve freight rail service and advance the new passenger rail service included in the revised Six-Year Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT must enter into rail agreements to execute the enhanced intercity passenger rail service and set a framework for corridor passenger and freight rail improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT will continue to work with Amtrak, Norfolk Southern and the Virginia Railway Express to enter into or modify existing grant or framework agreements to implement new passenger rail service between Washington, D.C. and Lynchburg in the I-

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81/Route 29 corridor and between Washington, D.C. and Richmond in the I-95 corridor, including an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between CSX Transportation, Virginia Railway Express and DRPT; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTB has been briefed on the Statewide Rail Resource Allocation Plan, which sets out the projects in the CSX Transportation Framework Agreement required to implement enhanced intercity passenger rail service in the I-95 corridor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CTB hereby authorizes the DRPT Acting Director to execute the CSX Transportation Framework Agreement necessary to implement the enhanced intercity passenger rail service included in the revised Six-Year Improvement Program for FY2009-FY2014.

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