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Agenda item # New Business

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 5, 2009

MOTION

Made By: Mr. White Seconded By: Mr. Davies Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: 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, DC and Lynchburg in the I-81/Route 29 corridor and between Washington, DC 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 Norfolk Southern Railway 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, CSX Transportation and the Virginia Railway Express to enter into or modify existing grant or framework agreements and implement new passenger rail service between Washington, DC and Lynchburg in the I-81/Route 29 corridor and between Washington, DC and Richmond in the I-95 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the CTB has been briefed on the Statewide Rail Resource Allocation Plan, which sets out the projects in the Norfolk Southern Railway Framework Agreement required to implement enhanced intercity passenger rail service in the I-81/Route 29 corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the DRPT Acting Director to execute the Norfolk Southern Railway 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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