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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 27, 2015

Agenda Item #12

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Valentine, Seconded By: Mr. Williams

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Amendment of FY 2016 – 2021 SYIP to Transfer Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Funds for Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor Project

WHEREAS, Item 430 of Chapter 806 of the 2013 Virginia Acts of Assembly authorizes the Secretary and all agencies within the transportation secretariat to take all actions necessary to ensure that federal transportation funds are allocated and utilized for the maximum benefit of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-1603(B) of the *Code of Virginia* creates a nonreverting fund known as the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital (“IPROC”) Fund, which is considered a special fund within the Transportation Trust Fund, and consists of funds designated pursuant to Section 58.1-638.3(A)(2) of the *Code of Virginia* (effective July 1, 2013) and funds as may be set forth in the appropriation act and by allocation of funds for operations and projects by the Board in accordance with Section 33.2-358; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-1603(C) of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) or her designee to administer and expend or commit, subject to the approval of the CTB, the funds to support the cost of operating intercity passenger rail service; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has declared it to be in the public interest that the retention, maintenance, improvement, and development of intercity passenger rail-related infrastructure improvements and operations are essential to the Commonwealth’s transportation system and continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2015 revenue collections for the IPROC fund exceeded the FY 2015 revenue estimate by over \$3.8 million. These funds are available for allocation to intercity passenger rail projects in FY2016;

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WHEREAS, on October 20, 1992 the U.S. Secretary of Transportation designated the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor connecting Charlotte, NC, Richmond, VA, and Washington DC; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration has awarded the Department a grant for the Washington D.C. to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail Tier II Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Engineering project (“Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the Department has identified a need to provide additional funds for the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) and related project development expenses to expedite compliance requirements for approximately 26 miles of third main lines track between the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station and Powell’s Creek to support the Project ; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the allocation of \$3.5 million from the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital for assistance with NEPA and related project development expenses for the Project is approved.

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