RESOLUTION #2238

SUBJECT: Amendment to VRE’s Approved 2014 Legislative Agenda.

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board passed a resolution opposing SB 1210 and HB 2152 in the Virginia General Assembly at the January 18, 2013 VRE Operations Board meeting;

WHEREAS: HB 2152 was passed by the Virginia General Assembly in February 2013 and was approved by Governor Robert McDonnell in March 2013 to take effect on July 1, 2014;

WHEREAS: The legislation provides that for each year in which the state contribution to the railway is greater than or equal to the highest contribution from an individual jurisdiction, the jurisdictional subsidy used to determine vote weight shall be recalculated to include the Commonwealth contributing an amount equal to the highest contributing jurisdiction and the vote weight shall be recalculated to provide the Chairman of the CTB or his designee the same weight as the highest contributing jurisdiction;

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board opposed the legislation last year because there is no commitment from the Commonwealth to pay an annual subsidy, and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board approved a 2014 VRE Legislative Agenda on November 15, 2013 that did not include an item seeking changes to the weighted voting legislation adopted in the 2013 Virginia General Assembly session, and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board, upon further discussion, seeks to amend VRE’s 2014 Legislative Agenda to include an item seeking changes to the weighted voting legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission approves an amendment to the 2014 VRE Legislative Agenda seeking changes to the weighted voting legislation and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to actively pursue those changes.

Approved this 9th day of January, 2014.

Paul C. Smedberg
Chairman

Jay Fisette
Secretary-Treasurer