RESOLUTION #2385

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Amend the Amtrak Access and Storage Agreement to Reduce the Cost of the Amtrak Step-Up Ticket

WHEREAS: The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (the “Commissions”) have an Access and Storage Agreement with Amtrak to access and store VRE trains at Washington Union Station;

WHEREAS: The Agreement includes the ability for monthly and multi-ride VRE passengers to ride Amtrak regional trains by purchasing an additional Step-Up ticket;

WHEREAS: The Agreement establishes the cost VRE pays to Amtrak for each Step-Up ticket sold;

WHEREAS: A provision within the Agreement allows for Amtrak to change the cost VRE pays to Amtrak for each Step-Up ticket sold if notified in writing by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to make this change;

WHEREAS: The Department of Rail and Public Transportation, with the support of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, has notified Amtrak in writing and directed Amtrak to reduce the cost VRE pays for each Step-Up ticket to $4 effective May 1, 2019, and continuing for the expected duration of the Metrorail platform improvement work and associated service disruption; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby retroactively authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to amend the Amtrak Access and Storage Agreement to reflect a change to the cost to VRE for the Amtrak Step-Up ticket from $13 per ticket to $4 per ticket in a form approved by legal counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVTC authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to amend the Amtrak Access and Storage Agreement to restore the cost to VRE for the Amtrak Step-Up ticket at the cost identified in the existing agreement when the Metrorail work is completed.

Approved this 6th day of June 2019.

Matthew F. Letourneau
Chairman

Sharon Bulova
Secretary-Treasurer