RESOLUTION #2412

SUBJECT: Authorize the Acting VRE CEO to Execute an Agreement with Amtrak for Access and Storage at Washington Union Terminal

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 current VRE access and storage agreement with Amtrak expires June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS: The current agreement includes access and mid-day storage at Washington Union Terminal;

WHEREAS: The current agreement includes an option for an additional five-year term;

WHEREAS: It was determined by VRE legal counsel the preferred approach was to develop a new agreement to include updated polices by the Northeast Corridor Commission in accordance with the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008;

WHEREAS: A new agreement has been reached for a five-year term with an option to extend the term an additional five years upon advanced written notice to Amtrak;

WHEREAS: The new agreement will provide VRE with continued access and mid-day storage and other services at Washington Union Terminal; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the Acting VRE Chief Executive Officer to enter into a five-year agreement, with an option to extend for an additional five-year term subject to further approval by the Commissions, with Amtrak for access and mid-day storage at Washington Union Terminal in a form approved by legal counsel.

Approved this 4th day of June 2020.

Katie Cristol
Chair

Jeffrey C. McKay
Secretary-Treasurer