



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item # 9*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**March 19, 2009**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. White Seconded By: Mrs. Connally Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding to Enhance Commuter and Intercity Passenger Service in the I-95 Rail Corridor**

**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, D.C. and Lynchburg in the I-81/Route 29 corridor and between Washington, D.C. and Richmond in the I-95 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for Amtrak to operate the proposed state funded intercity passenger trains, necessary train slots on CSX Transportation (CSXT) tracks must be identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will provide the train slots on CSXT by utilizing the track capacity earned through completion of the nine rail infrastructure improvement projects identified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), CSXT and DRPT executed on January 31, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects identified in the MOU will be completed this calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the parties of the MOU that the use of the track capacity for the two Amtrak demonstration projects is an appropriate use; and

**WHEREAS**, it has also been determined that the MOU must be amended to assign the use of the train slot capacity to DRPT in order for Amtrak to operate the two state funded intercity passenger trains; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Amendment to the MOU has been approved by the VRE Operations Board, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, and CSXT; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTB has been briefed on the agreements and improvements required to implement enhanced intercity passenger rail service in the I-95 corridor, including the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CTB hereby authorizes the DRPT Acting Director to execute the First Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding necessary to implement the enhanced intercity passenger rail service included in the revised Six-Year Improvement Program for FY2009-FY2014.

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