



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item # 9*

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

**January 18, 2017**

### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Fralin, Seconded By: Mr. Rosen**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

### **Title: Change in Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program Allocation to Norfolk Southern Railway Company for Amtrak Service Extension to Roanoke, Virginia**

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-214 (B) of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) of anticipated projects and programs and that the SYIP shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP on June 14, 2016. This SYIP included an allocation of \$101,683,003 for freight and passenger improvements, including a budget of \$15,183,003 for the construction of the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility in downtown Roanoke, Virginia, as part of the plan to bring intercity passenger rail service to Roanoke; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2016, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) received a request for a Notice to Proceed from Norfolk Southern to award a contract for construction of the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility in downtown Roanoke. Norfolk Southern had put the project out for bid and DRPT's share of the total cost per contractor bid is \$15,825,000. There is a funding gap of \$641,997 between the cost for construction of the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility as bid and the existing allocation. Further, the bid price from NS provides only a 10% contingency; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT has identified a need to increase the allocation from \$101,683,003 to \$102,740,003 in order to provide an additional \$1,057,000 in funding for the cost to construct the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility to extend Amtrak service to Roanoke, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT recommends this request for approval.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the change in the allocation to the Roanoke Amtrak Extension Project, and specifically to the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility (Project Component 7), thereby increasing the allocation from \$101,683,003 to \$102,740,003, and amends the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP to reflect this change.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### **Change in Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program Allocation to Norfolk Southern Railway Company for Amtrak Service Extension to Roanoke, Virginia**

#### **Issue:**

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) requests a change in the allocation to Norfolk Southern Railway Company (Norfolk Southern) in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2017-2022, from \$101,683,003 to \$102,740,003. Changes to the SYIP over \$200,000 must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) prior to allocation and award.

#### **Facts:**

The current Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP allocates \$101,683,003 to Norfolk Southern for the freight and passenger rail improvements necessary for extension of Amtrak service to Roanoke, VA. Within the project budget, \$15,183,003 is budgeted for the construction of the Roanoke Station & Maintenance Facility in downtown Roanoke.

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**Recommendation:** Due to the challenges associated with the downtown location of the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility and relevant utilities, DRPT recommends that the CTB allocate \$1,057,000, so that the Roanoke Amtrak Extension project is fully funded with sufficient contingency.

**Action Required by CTB:** Change the allocation to Norfolk Southern in the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP for the construction of the Roanoke Station and Maintenance Facility from \$101,683,003 to \$102,740,003.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.