

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item # 8

# RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**January 10, 2018** 

### **MOTION**

Made By: Ms. Hynes, Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

# <u>Title: Addition of Public Transportation Project to the Six-Year Improvement Program</u> <u>for Fiscal Years 2018-2023</u>

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2017, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) pursuant to § 33.2-214(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, of anticipated projects and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the public transportation project shown in Appendix A was not included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2023 SYIP adopted by the Board on June 20, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the project is appropriate for the efficient movement of people and freight and, therefore, for the common good of the Commonwealth.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board that the project shown in Appendix A is added to the SYIP of projects and programs for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023, and is approved.

#### CTB Decision Brief

### Addition of Projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2018-2023

**Issue:** Each year the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) must adopt a Six-Year Improvement Program (Program) and allocations in accordance with the statutory formula.

**Facts:** The CTB must adopt a Program of anticipated projects and programs by July 1 of each year in accordance with § 33.2-214(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. On June 20, 2017, after due consideration, the CTB adopted a Final Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Program. The project shown in Appendix A, and listed below, was not in the Final Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Program adopted by the CTB on June 20, 2017.

Arlington County currently leases property for overnight storage and dispatching for over half of its 65 ART (Arlington Transit) bus fleet. The leased property is in convenient proximity to the County's Light Maintenance Facility where buses are fueled and washed. The County currently holds a seven year lease on the property at an annual lease cost of \$738,000. DRPT currently funds 34% (approximately \$250,000 annually) of the County's lease payments. The lease on the current property will expire in 2023, which would likely require the County to explore alternative bus storage locations as industrial-zoned property is both scarce and in high demand in Arlington County. ART plans to expand its fleet to 78 buses by 2020 with additional future growth plans.

Arlington County desires to purchase the current leased property and an adjoining parcel to permanently accommodate current and anticipated future County public transit facility needs and uses. The 3.52 acres of property that the County wishes to purchase would be sufficient to accommodate storage of up to 90 ART buses, bus operator parking and a new Operations Facility. The total purchase price of the property is \$20,500,000. Arlington County requests new DRPT funding in the amount of \$6,970,000 (34%) with a local contribution of \$13,530,000 (66%). The County has the opportunity to close on the purchase in March 2018, which is why mid-cycle funding is needed. DRPT's current financial contribution toward the lease of the property would end upon the County's purchase of the site.

This request can be funded with excess capital funds available in the Fiscal Years 2018-2023. No other projects would be impacted or deferred in order to fulfill this request. The acquisition of the property by the County is cost-effective and will help meet ART's growing operational needs.

**Recommendations:** The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) recommends the addition of this project in Appendix A to the Program for Fiscal Years 2018–2023.

**Action Required by CTB:** The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to add this project listed in Appendix A to the Program for Fiscal Years 2018–2023 to meet the CTB's statutory requirements.

**Result, if Approved:** If the resolution is approved, the project listed in Appendix A will be added to the Program for Fiscal Years 2018-2023.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

## Appendix A Amendments to the FY2018-2023 SYIP

Item	District	Grantee	Project Description	Total Cost		Total Allocation		Program
	Northern 1 Virginia	NVTC - Arlington County	Purchase Land for Expansion of Bus Storage and future Operations Facility	\$	20,500,000	\$	6,970,000	Capital
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Totals				\$	20,500,000	\$	6,970,000	