

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Virginia Transportation District Commission (“NVTC”) and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District Commission (“PRTC,” and, together with NVTC, the “Commissions”) jointly operate the Virginia Railway Express (the “VRE”) commuter rail service in Northern Virginia pursuant to the Master Agreement dated as of October 3, 1989, as amended (the “Master Agreement”); and,

**WHEREAS**, in February, 2006, the VRE Operations Board, with participation of all VRE member jurisdictions, initiated analysis of alternate VRE governance structures and subsidy allocation formulae; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissions has previously adopted and forwarded to member jurisdictions an alternate FY 2008 VRE Operating and Capital Budget, which reflected this proposed change to the subsidy formula, and was effective contingent upon approval of the aforesaid amendments to the Master Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2007, the Commissions approved a series of proposed amendments to the Master Agreement that would change the composition of and voting on the Operations Board and revise the subsidy formula over a four year phase-in period as detailed in Attachment A; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2007, the Commissions also approved a mitigation accommodation developed by the Operations Board, with the participation of all VRE member jurisdictions, to address the impacts on member jurisdictions affected by non-member jurisdictional riders; and

**WHEREAS**, the mitigation accommodation involves inclusion of the projects listed in Attachment B in the VRE capital improvement program to be funded by various resources and to be initiated at the earliest possible date; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Master Agreement reflecting the changes detailed in Attachment A will be brought back before the Commissions and jurisdictions for formal approval; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2007, the Commissions further committed to continuing to explore and identify steps necessary for the VRE to attain independent status and/or full autonomy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia hereby approves the proposed amendments to the VRE Master Agreement detailed in Attachment A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia hereby approves the mitigation accommodation, adding projects to the VRE capital improvement program as detailed in Attachment B; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia hereby (1) embraces the objective of a fully autonomous VRE Operations Board or, in the alternative, a legal entity independent of the two Commissions by 2010; and (2) agrees to implement on an expedited basis actions, identified by legal counsel and approved by the Commissions, as necessary to achieve this objective that can be done by purely administrative means; and (3) agrees to diligently pursue other actions, identified by legal counsel and approved by the Commissions, as necessary that require external approvals, e.g. approvals by the Commissions and all member jurisdictions, and statutory changes.