TPB Steering Committee Item 1b TPB SR19-2024 March 1, 2024

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE TIP ACTION 23-35.3 WHICH ADDS FUNDING FOR A NEW PROJECT: THE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE) CROSSROAD YARD EXPANSION IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, AS REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022, the TPB adopted the FY 2023-2026 TIP; and

WHEREAS, VRE services and stations, and thus some operational programs and capital projects, extend beyond the TPB's planning area boundaries and into Spotsylvania County, which falls within the geography of the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (FAMPO) jurisdiction; but since the majority of its facilities and services are located in the National Capital Region, for the purposes of data collection and funding, VRE has historically allocated the entirety of its National Transit Database statistics to, and thus received the entirety of its FTA formula funding through, the Washington, DC metropolitan area, so its Program of Projects are included in the TPB's TIP, and

WHEREAS, on behalf of VRE, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-35.3 which adds \$11.795 million in Section 5307 Urban Formula, state, and local match funding to FY 2024 for preliminary engineering and construction of the VRE Crossroad Yard Expansion project (T13602) in Spotsylvania County, as described in the attached materials:

WHEREAS, the attached materials include:

ATTACHMENT A) Programming Overview report showing how the amended record will appear in the TIP following approval.

ATTACHMENT B) Letter from VDOT dated February 23, 2024, requesting the amendment, and

WHEREAS, this amendment has been entered into the TPB's Project InfoTrak database under TIP Action 23-35.3, creating the 35th amended version of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, which supersedes all previous versions of the TIP and can be found online at www.mwcog.org/ProjectInfoTrak; and

WHEREAS, this transit maintenance facility expansion is exempt from the air quality requirement, as defined in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

WHEREAS, this resolution and the amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP shall not be considered final until the Transportation Planning Board has had the opportunity to review and accept these materials at its next full meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-35.3 which adds \$11.795 million in Section 5307 Urban Formula, state, and local match funding to FY 2024 for preliminary engineering and construction of the **VRE Crossroad Yard Expansion project (T13602)** in Spotsylvania County, as described the attached materials.



ATTACHMENT A: OVERVIEW REPORT FOR TIP ACTION 23-35.3: FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TIP ID Project Name T13602

VRE Crossroads Yard Expansion

Lead Agency County Virginia Department of Transportation

Municipality

Spotsylvania County

Completion Date

Project Type

Total Cost

\$11,795,000

Rail/Fixed Guideways - Capital/SGR

Project Limits

Description

Agency Project ID

This project will expand the VRE Crossroad Yard

Phase	AC/ ACCP	Source	Prior	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future	4 Year Total	Total
PE		LOCAL	-	-	\$25,250	-	-	-	\$25,250	\$25,250
PE		S. 5307	-	-	\$505,000	-	-	-	\$505,000	\$505,000
PE		DC/STATE	-	-	\$101,116	-	-	-	\$101,116	\$101,116
		Total PE	-	-	\$631,366	-	-	-	\$631,366	\$631,366
CON		LOCAL	-	-	\$446,459	-	-	-	\$446,459	\$446,459
CON		S. 5307	-	-	\$8,930,979	-	-	-	\$8,930,979	\$8,930,979
CON		DC/STATE	-	-	\$1,786,196	-	-	-	\$1,786,196	\$1,786,196
		Total CON	-	-	\$11,163,634	-	-	-	\$11,163,634	\$11,163,634
		Total Programmed	-	-	\$11,795,000	-	-	-	\$11,795,000	\$11,795,000

Version History

Current Change Reason

TIP Document 23-35.3

Amendment 2023-2026 MPO Approval FHWA Approval FTA Approval Pending Pending N/A

SCHEDULE / FUNDING / SCOPE - New project

ATTACHMENT B



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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February 23, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chair National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300 Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:

VRE Crossroads Yard Expansion - (TIP ID T13602) - New Project

Dear Chair Henderson:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests the following new project be added to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

VRE Crossroads Yard Expansion (TIP ID T13602) - New Project

This project is for the expansion of the VRE Crossroads Yard. The proposed amendment will:

- Add \$25,250 (Local) FFY24 for PE Phase
- Add \$505,000 (Section 5307) FFY24 for PE Phase
- Add \$101,116 (DC/State) FFY24 for PE Phase
- Add \$446,459 (Local) FFY24 for CN Phase
- Add \$8,930,979 (Section 5307) FFY24 for CN Phase
- Add \$1,786,196 (DC/State) FFY24 for CN Phase

VDOT requests approval of this project to the TIP by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on March 1, 2024. VDOT and VRE representatives will be available to answer any questions about this amendment request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Cuttler, P.E.

Northern Virginia District Engineer

Cc: Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA

Mr. Amir Shahpar, P.E., VDOT-NoVA

Ms. Christine Hoeffner, VRE

Mr. Mark Schofield, VRE

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