

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 23-37.3 WHICH ADDS FUNDING FOR A NEW PROJECT: THE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE) FRANCONIA-SPRINGFIELD STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) ON BEHALF OF VRE

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, on VRE's behalf, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-37.3 which removes approximately \$1.18 million in local funds and adds \$2.67 million in state funding and \$5.96 million in FTA Section 5337-SGR funding for a net total increase of \$7.45 million, bringing the revised total cost to \$32.8 million, 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) Amendment Summary report showing project's total cost before and after the amendment, the delta, and the percentage increase from the cost before, the reason for the amendment, and a Change Narrative, providing line-item changes to every programmed amount by fund source, fiscal year, and project phase, and

ATTACHMENT C) Letter from VDOT dated January 23, 2024, requesting the amendment, and

WHEREAS, this amendment has been entered into the TPB's Project InfoTrak database under TIP Action 23-37.3, creating the 37th 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 project is exempt from the air quality requirement, as defined in 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 23-37.3 which removes approximately \$1.18 million in local funds and adds \$2.67 million in state funding and \$5.96 million in FTA Section 5337-SGR funding for a net total increase of \$7.45 million, bringing the revised total cost to \$32.8 million, as described the attached materials.



National Capital Region
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ATTACHMENT A
 Overview Report for TIP Action 23-37.3 Formal Amendment to
 the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
 Requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation

<i>TIP ID</i>	T11630	<i>Lead Agency</i>	VRE	<i>Project Type</i>	Rail/Fixed Guideways - Capital/SGR
<i>Project Name</i>	VRE Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements	<i>County</i>		<i>Total Cost</i>	\$32,802,556
<i>Project Limits</i>		<i>Municipality</i>		<i>Completion Date 2026</i>	
		<i>Agency Project ID</i>			

Description Design and construct an extension to the existing VRE Franconia-Springfield Station west platform (adjacent to the WMATA Metrorail Station), an extension to the existing east platform, and a new pedestrian ramp and tunnel entrance at the east platform. These improvements will enable the station to serve trains up to eight cars long and improve pedestrian flows to allow for improved operational efficiency. The tunnel will maintain continuous, safe pedestrian access to the VRE Station when the Franconia to Occoquan Third Track (TIP ID 6706) is constructed by others, which will block existing access from the east to the VRE east platform.

Phase	AC/ACCP Source	Prior	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future	4 Year Total	Total
PE	NVTA	-	\$3,310,920	-	-	-	-	\$3,310,920	\$3,310,920
	<i>Total PE</i>	-	\$3,310,920	-	-	-	-	\$3,310,920	\$3,310,920
CON	LOCAL	-	-	\$792,102	-	-	-	\$792,102	\$792,102
CON	NVTA	-	\$9,689,080	-	-	-	-	\$9,689,080	\$9,689,080
CON	S. 5337- SGR	-	-	\$15,842,045	-	-	-	\$15,842,045	\$15,842,045
CON	DC/STATE	-	-	\$3,168,409	-	-	-	\$3,168,409	\$3,168,409
	<i>Total CON</i>	-	\$9,689,080	\$19,802,556	-	-	-	\$29,491,636	\$29,491,636
	<i>Total Programmed</i>	-	\$13,000,000	\$19,802,556	-	-	-	\$32,802,556	\$32,802,556



Version History

<i>TIP Document</i>		<i>MPO Approval</i>	<i>FHWA Approval</i>	<i>FTA Approval</i>
23-17.3	Amendment 2023-2026	05/17/2023	Pending	Pending
23-37.3	Amendment 2023-2026	Pending	Pending	N/A

Current Change Reason

SCHEDULE / FUNDING / SCOPE - Programming Update

Funding Change(s):

Total project cost increased from \$25,351,100 to \$32,802,556

ATTACHMENT B

**Summary Report for TIP Action 23-37.3 Formal Amendment to the
FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
Requested by Virginia Department of Transportation**

TIP ID	PROJECT TITLE	COST BEFORE	COST AFTER	COST CHANGE	% CHANGE	CHANGE REASON	CHANGE SUMMARY
T11630	VRE Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements	\$25,351,100	\$32,802,556	\$7,451,456	29	Programming Update	PROJECT CHANGES (FROM PREVIOUS VERSION): LOCAL - Decrease funds in FFY 24 in CON from \$1,976,176 to \$792,102 DC/STATE + Increase funds in FFY 24 in CON from \$494,044 to \$3,168,409 S. 5337-SGR + Increase funds in FFY 24 in CON from \$9,880,880 to \$15,842,045 <i>Total project cost increased from \$25,351,100 to \$32,802,556</i>

*ACCP is not part of the Total..



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April 2, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chair
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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RE: FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:
VRE Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements (TIP ID: T11630 / STIP ID: VRE0016)

Dear Chair Henderson:

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) requests an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect project funding updates.

VRE Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements (TIP ID T11630/STIP ID VRE0016)

The proposed amendment is needed due to an updated cost estimate for the project that resulted in an increase in the project cost. The funding source is existing, allocated VRE Section 5337 Formula funds and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. The project does not add railroad capacity and is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. No public review and comment are required although VRE solicits public comment at all Operations Board meetings including the December 15, 2023 meeting where the VRE FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program, which includes the project, was adopted by the VRE Operations Board. The proposed amendment will:

- Add \$11,121,123 (Section 5337) FFY 24 for CON Phase
- Add \$2,234,225 (State Funds) FFY24 for CON Phase
- Add \$556,056 (Local Funds) FFY24 for CON Phase

DRPT requests approval of this project to the TIP by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on April 5, 2025. DRPT's representative will be available to answer any questions about this amendment request. Upon formal adoption from the Transportation Planning Board, the DRPT FY24-27 STIP will be updated to reflect the amended project. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

The Honorable Christina Henderson

April 2, 2024

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Thank you for your assistance in facilitating this amendment action. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at (703) 253-3334 or at amy.garbarini@drpt.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Garbarini,
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March 21, 2024

Ms. Amy Gabarini
NOVA Transit Planning Manager
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
1725 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Gabarini:

The Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) requests amendment to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) FY 2024-2027 STIP to reflect the following project funding update.

The amendment will modify and add Federal Section 5337 funding, including non-Federal match, for the **VRE Rail/Fixed Guideways – Capital/SGR TIP ID: T11630 STIP ID: VRE0016, VRE Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements** as outlined below.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Funding Source	Project Phase	Previously Programmed	New Funding to be Added	Total
2023	Local - NVTA	PE	\$3,310,920		\$3,310,920
2023	Local - NVTA	CON	\$9,689,080		\$9,689,080
2024	Section 5337 Federal	CON	\$4,720,922	\$11,121,123	\$15,842,045
2024	Section 5337 State Match	CON	\$ 944,184	\$2,224,225	\$3,168,409
2024	Section 5337 Local Match	CON	\$ 236,046	\$ 556,056	\$ 792,102
Total			\$18,901,152	\$13,901,404	\$32,802,556

Once the TIP amendment is adopted by the TPB, PRTC and VRE request the DRPT STIP be amended to reflect the above changes as project funds must be included in an approved TIP and STIP before PRTC can access these funds through the Federal Transit Administration grant application process for use of VRE federal grant funds.

The proposed amendment is needed due to the preparation of an updated cost estimate for the project that resulted in an increase in the project cost. The funding source is existing, allocated VRE Section 5337 Formula funds and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. The project does not add railroad capacity and is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. No public review and comment are required although VRE solicits public comment at all Operations Board meetings including the December 15, 2023 meeting where the VRE FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program, which includes the project, was adopted by the VRE Operations Board.

Letter to Ms. Amy Gabarini

March 21, 2024

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cynthia Porter-Johnson at (703) 580-6147 or at cporter-johnson@omniride.com. We greatly appreciate your assistance in facilitating this action.

Sincerely,

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