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Agenda item #8

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2008

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Martin, Seconded By Mr. Keen Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

TITLE: Supplemental Allocation:
Rail Enhancement Fund Program

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221.1:1.1 of the *Code of Virginia,* declares it to be in the public interest that the retention, maintenance, improvement and development of the railways are essential to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets, and creates the Rail Enhancement Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 879, Item 450 of the 2008 *Acts of Assembly*, funding is provided by the General Assembly for Rail Enhancement Fund projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to Section 33.1-221.1:1.1 of the *Code of Virginia,* the Director of DRPT, prior to recommending Rail Enhancement Fund projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (the Board), consulted with and obtained the advice and recommendations of the Rail Advisory Board on May 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2008, by majority vote the Rail Advisory Board recommended for approval the Rail Enhancement Fund projects proposed by the Director of DRPT; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Rail Enhancement Fund projects were included in the Draft FY2009-FY2014 Six-Year Improvement Program that was distributed for public comment in spring 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board, on June 19, 2008, adopted the FY2009 –FY2014 Six-Year Improvement Program, which includes $57,704,481 in Rail Enhancement funds for FY2009; and

WHEREAS, DRPT is hereby advancing recommended projects, as attached hereto, to the Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that these projects will result in public benefits to the Commonwealth or to a region of the Commonwealth that are equal to or greater than the investment of Rail Enhancement funds as required by Section 33.1-221.1:1.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the allocation of $26,604,547 to be applied to the attached listing of Rail Enhancement Fund projects as set forth for FY2009 and the Board hereby amends the FY2009-FY2014 Six-Year Improvement Program to include said projects contingent upon:

1. The provision of local matching funds at the level agreed to by the applicant, which shall be a minimum of thirty percent (30%) cash or in-kind contribution.
2. Execution of an agreement acceptable to the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

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Attachment
Rail Enhancement Fund Proposed Projects FY2009

District	Application Project Name	Applicant	Previous CTB Allocations	REF FY2009 CTB Allocation	REF FY2009 Project Applicant Match	REF FY2009 Total Project Cost
Hampton Roads	NIT Central Rail Yard Expansion	VPA	$ -	$ 700,000	$ 1,211,714	$ 1,911,714
Northern Virginia	VRE Gainesville - Haymarket Extension Phase 2	VRE	700,000	3,250,000	1,750,000	5,000,000
Northern Virginia, Fredericksburg	VRE Cherry Hill Station and Third Track Phase 2	VRE	2,500,000	2,405,000	1,295,000	3,700,000
Northern Virginia, Fredericksburg	VRE Fredericksburg - Washington, DC Third Track	VRE	-	3,650,000	1,564,286	5,214,286
Fredericksburg, Richmond, Hampton Roads	CSX Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Newport News Passenger Rail Improvements	CSX	6,874,278	9,751,000	4,179,000	13,930,000
Hampton Roads	Norfolk Portsmouth Belt Line Improvements	VPA	-	125,000	125,000	250,000
Richmond	Southeast High Speed Rail Tier II EIS Phase 2	NCDOT	1,500,000	781,750	543,250	1,325,000
Northern Virginia	NS: VRE Route - Alexandria to Manassas	NS	-	649,797	278,484	928,281
Northern Virginia	VRE Automatic Train Control System With Cab Signals	VRE	-	882,000	378,000	1,260,000
Salem	Heartland Corridor, Central Corridor Improvements - Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility (Supplemental)	NS	22,350,000	4,410,000	1,890,000	6,300,000
	Total Proposed Projects		**$33,924,278**	**$26,604,547**	**$13,214,734**	**$39,819,281**