

## VPRA Decision Brief

### Authority to Execute \$56,000,000 CMAQ Grant Agreement with Federal Railroad Administration

May 21, 2026

**Issue:** VPRA is requesting the Board to re-authorize the VPRA Executive Director to execute a grant agreement between VPRA and FRA.

**Facts:** VPRA's anticipates applying \$56,000,000 of federally-sourced Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funding in support of VPRA's Alexandria Fourth Track project. The funding will be administered by the FRA under an agreement using standard grant terms and conditions. Execution of the agreement was authorized by the Board on October 7, 2025. Because more than ninety days have passed since that original authorization without contract execution, under the *BYLAWS VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY*, the Board must re-authorize execution of the agreement.

**Recommendation:** Re-authorize the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and enter into an agreement between VPRA and FRA for the grant funding.

**Action Required by VPRA:** Authorize the grant agreement.

**Options:** Approve. Deny. Defer.