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Agenda item #

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Date

MOTION

Made By: Seconded By: Action:

Title: Addition of a Public Transportation Project to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2020-2025 for the COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Mitigation

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, a national state of emergency was declared by President Donald J. Trump on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia's transit agencies have been on the front lines of responding to the onset of COVID-19, ensuring their employees are prepared and their capital assets are cleaned frequently to help reduce the potential spread of disease while ensuring the public has access to critical transportation services; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia's transit agencies are also incurring significant economic impacts associated with reductions in service, losses in ridership, and diminished revenue which will impact recovery and service restoration efforts following the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, public transportation provides vital transportation connections to health care, jobs, education, and community which are essential to Virginia's recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation recommends that the Board approve the addition of \$11,000,000 to the FY20-25 Six Year Improvement Program for

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additional operating assistance to offset the COVID-19 pandemic response and mitigation for Virginia's transit agencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the use of prior year funding deallocated from completed and canceled projects of \$11,000,000 to offset costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic response and mitigation for Virginia's transit agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation will disburse the funding through the operating assistance program established in Section 33.2-1526.1 C 1 of the Code of Virginia to offset the impacts on Virginia's transit agencies.

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