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The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Reference: FY 2024-2025 National Railroad Partnership Program/Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grant program for the Occoquan River Third Track Project

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's (VPRA) application for funding through the fiscal year 2024-2025 National Railroad Partnership Program/Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grant program for the Occoquan River Third Track Project**.**

The Occoquan River Third Track Project application will provide for the advanced planning and design of 4.6 miles of a third mainline track on the CSX RF&P rail corridor in Fairfax County and Prince William County, Virginia. In addition to the third mainline track, the project also includes replacement of existing railroad bridges over Richmond Highway (US Route 1) and Furnace Road, improvements to the Woodbridge Amtrak and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) station, and a new railroad bridge over the Occoquan River. In Fairfax County, these improvements enhance commuter reliability, reduce congestion along the Richmond Highway corridor, and strengthen regional economic connectivity.

This project is part of Transforming Rail in Virginia, a statewide initiative to expand passenger rail service, increase freight capacity, and improve reliability along one of the East Coast's busiest rail corridors. By connecting with other capacity improvements currently underway, this project will help complete 19 miles of a continuous three-track corridor from the City of Alexandria to Prince William County. The project also lays the groundwork for a future four-track corridor that will allow for the separation of freight and passenger rail services with the bridges designed to accommodate four tracks. These improvements support local infrastructure goals and broader corridor-wide rail enhancements that will benefit both passenger and freight rail service in the corridor, allowing for growth of service and improved reliability between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA.

Thank you for your consideration of the application for this vital project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gregg Steverson, Director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, at Gregg.Steverson@fairfaxcounty.gov, or 703-877-5600.

Sincerely,

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