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## FAMPO RESOLUTION 24-07

### **Adopt Amendments to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Two New Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Projects: UPC 20299 Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations; and Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A)**

**WHEREAS**, the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) has a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2024-2027 which was adopted on June 26, 2023; and

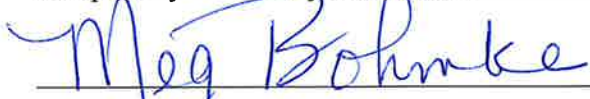
**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRRA) has requested the addition of two new projects: UPC 20299 Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations; and Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A); and

**WHEREAS**, the public comment period for the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to add two new Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Projects: UPC 20299 Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations; and Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A) began on August 21, 2023 and will end on September 20, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing for the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to add two new Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Projects: UPC 20299 Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations; and Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A) was held September 18, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee approves the FY24-27 TIP amendments to add two new Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Projects: UPC 20299 Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations; and Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A) subject to no adverse comments received in the next two days.

Adopted by the Policy Committee at its meeting on September 18, 2023.

  
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Meg Bohmke, Chair  
Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee

Attachment 1 - UPC 20299 Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations Tip Block

Attachment 2 - Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A) Tip Block

UPC NO	20299	SCOPE	Operational expenses related to six trains.				
SYSTEM	Primary	JURISDICTION	Fredericksburg	OVERSIGHT			
PROJECT	Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations			ADMIN BY	VPRA		
DESCRIPTION	Operating expenses for 2 trains on the Newport News route (Route 47), 3 trains on the Norfolk route (Route 50), and 1 train on the Richmond route (Route 51). The cost included is only for a portion of the routes and a portion of the train costs estimated for the jurisdiction.						
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD - FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – Virginia State-Support Amtrak Operations						
ROUTE/STREET	Newport News Operations (Route 47) Norfolk Operations (Route 50) Richmond Operations (Route 51)			TOTAL COST	\$56,874,628*		
	FUND SOURCE	Previous Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total FY24-27
PE	Federal CMAQ	\$0	\$1,347,526	\$1,403,426	\$1,475,530	\$1,536,932	\$5,763,414
PE	State CMAQ	\$0	\$336,881	\$350,857	\$368,883	\$384,233	\$1,440,853
PE	VPRA	\$8,532,535.56	\$8,495,471.19	\$8,851,067.72	\$11,528,807.43	\$12,262,479.03	\$41,137,825

Notes:

- Oversight – No federal oversight
- Regionally Significant for Air Quality – No, FHWA considers the CMAQ-funded Amtrak projects to be exempt from air quality conformity requirements as the funding is going towards “operating assistance,” which is specifically listed as being exempt in Table 2 of EPA’s Transportation conformity rule.
- \* Total cost includes operating expenses from previous funding and estimated expenses through FY27 as these are operating expenses without an end date.

UPC NO		SCOPE	Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A)				
SYSTEM	Primary	JURISDICTION	Fredericksburg	OVERSIGHT			
PROJECT	Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A)			ADMIN BY	VPRA		
DESCRIPTION	Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A) is a Phase 1 Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) project that is strategically located to allow freight and passenger trains to utilize the sidings and fluidly move traffic through the corridor between Washington, D.C. and Richmond. Siding A is one of three sidings that is included in the Phase 1 of TRV. These improvements will increase network fluidity and reduce delays due to passenger and freight train interference and lay the groundwork for a dedicated third track from Alexandria to Spotsylvania. Siding A is 3.9 miles long and stretches from Milepost 61.3 to Milepost 65.2.						
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD - FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment						
ROUTE/STREET	Siding A is located at Potomac Creek between the Fredericksburg and Leeland Road Station.			TOTAL COST		\$142,917,400	
	FUND SOURCE	Previous Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total FY24-27
PE	Amtrak Capital (federal funds)	\$3,887,821	\$7,175,641	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,275,641
CS	Amtrak Capital (federal funds)	\$732,343	\$1,351,665	\$48,790,116	\$48,771,279	\$12,192,820	\$92,341,200
PM	Amtrak Capital (federal funds)	\$1,092,899	\$1,743,551	\$7,590,784	\$7,590,784	\$1,897,696	\$37,587,496

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