





**NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chair Randall and Members  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**FROM:** Monica Backmon, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Reallocation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

**DATE:** January 7, 2020

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1. **Purpose.** To inform the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) of Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) Approval of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for VRE.
2. **Background:** On September 11, 2008, the Authority delegated the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects that were previously approved by the NVTA to the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC).

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At the time the funds were recommended by NVTA on February 26, 2015, VRE had initiated an alternatives analysis for the proposed VRE extension to the Gainesville-Haymarket area of Prince William County. The alternatives analysis, concluded in 2017, resulted in the decision to expand the VRE Broad Run facilities in support of Manassas Line growth rather than construct a service extension to Haymarket. Preliminary design is complete for the planned Broad Run improvements and VRE is in the process of procuring a design consultant to complete final design plans. The current plans support 2030 passenger demand. This transfer will consolidate all CMAQ/RSTP allocated by NVTA for design and construction of improvements related to the VRE Broad Run Expansion under the single UPC, T8523.

At its meeting on December 17, 2020, the RJACC approved this request.

**Attachment(s):** DRAFT Letter to VDOT NOVA District Administrator Cuervo  
Request Letters from VRE

**Coordination:** Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee



## Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

*The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia*

January 14, 2021

Ms. Helen Cuervo  
District Administrator  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
4975 Alliance Dr. Suite 4E-342  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Reference: Request to Reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Dear Ms. Cuervo:

On September 11, 2008, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) delegated the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects that were previously approved by the NVTA to the Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC).

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NVTA's delegation requires that the RJACC notify the NVTA of these requests. The RJACC approved the request on December 17, 2020, and the NVTA was informed at their January 14, 2021, meeting. The NVTA has not objected to these reallocations.

Please take the necessary steps to reallocate these funds in the Transportation Improvement Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Phyllis J. Randall  
Chair

cc: Monica Backmon, Executive Director, NVTA  
Mark Schofield, Chief Financial Officer, VRE  
Ricardo Canizales, Director of Transportation, Prince William County



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

# Attachment A.ii.

December 10, 2020

Ms. Noelle Dominguez, Chairman  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa)  
Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC)  
3040 Williams Dr.  
Fairfax, VA 22301

RE: Request for Transfer for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds,  
From UPC 85373 to UPC T8523

Dear Chairman Dominguez:

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) requests the NVTa Regional Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (RJACC) approve the transfer of previously allocated CMAQ funds from UPC 85373, VRE Gainesville to Haymarket Extension, to UPC T8523, VRE Broad Run Expansion.

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The planned improvements will have positive regional air quality benefits due to the forecast increase in VRE passengers by 2030 and related reduction in peak period vehicle trip lengths. VRE survey data has shown the majority of VRE passengers were previously single-occupant vehicle users destined for the Washington, DC-Arlington-Alexandria core. Attracting more VRE riders will have a positive effect on the region's air quality. An updated TEEM emissions worksheet is attached to this letter.

Ms. Noelle Dominguez  
December 10, 2020  
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If you have questions or comments regarding this request, please contact Christine Hoeffner at 703-838-5442 or [choeffner@vre.org](mailto:choeffner@vre.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Dalton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "D".

Rich Dalton  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Sree Nampoothiri, NVTA  
Mark Schofield, VRE  
Sonali Soneji, VRE  
Adeel Mysorewala, VRE  
Betsy Massie, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission  
Paolo Belita, Prince William County  
Carol Bondurant, VDOT

# CMAQ/RSTP Transfer Request Form

(One Sheet Needed Per Donor Project)

Date: 12/10/2020

Name of Jurisdiction/Agency Requesting: Virginia Railway Express

Current Balance of CMAQ/RSTP Funds Currently Allocated to Donor Project (Prior to this Transfer): \$1,000,000

From (Donor):

To (Recipient):

UPC	Project Description	Type of Funds	Transfer from Previous Fiscal Years	If No, Year Requested	Transfer Amount	UPC	Project Description	Previously Approved by NVTA	If Yes, Year Approved	JACC Approval (NVTA)	Authority Approval (NVTA)	Funds Verified (VDOT)	Completed (VDOT)
85373	VRE-GAINESVILLE TO HAYMARKET EXTENSION	CMAQ	N	FY2021	\$1,000,000.00	T8523	VRE Broad Run Expansion	Y	2018 (Scope Change)				

TOTAL OF TRANSFER - \$1,000,000

Attach Signed Request of Transfer Letter



As of January 4, 2021.		
<b>NVTA's Regional Fund Program FY2014 - FY2025</b>		<b>Upcoming Public Information Meeting(s):</b>
Total Revenue Allocated	<b>\$2,491,195,952</b>	<b>NOTE:</b> For latest information on project events, please refer to the "Events and Meetings" section on our home page - <a href="https://thenovaauthority.org/">https://thenovaauthority.org/</a> For full status information, please check NVTA web page on regional fund projects - <a href="https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/">https://thenovaauthority.org/funded-projects/</a>
Total Amount Reimbursed	<b>\$522,539,814</b>	
Total Number of Individual Projects	106	
SPAs	142	
Currently Active	67	
Completed	44	
Not Yet Executed	31	
<b>Substantive Status Updates (during October - December 2020)**</b>		
<b>Project Title (program year)</b>	<b>Updated Status</b>	<b>% Reimbursed</b>
<b>Arlington County</b>		
Crystal City Metrorail Station East Entrance and Intermodal Connections (FY2018-	WMATA approved the permit for soil borings and test pits in December 2020. Work will get underway in January 2021.	0.0%
<b>Prince William County</b>		
Construct Interchange at Prince William Parkway and University Blvd (FY2018-23)	Limited Access Control was approved by the CTB on December 9, 2020.	4.7%
Summit School Rd Extension and Telegraph Rd Widening (FY2018-23)	60% Design Plans were submitted to VDOT on November 16, 2020.	10.7%
<b>City of Alexandria</b>		
West End Transitway (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	RFQ for Phase 1 design was advertised on December 4, 2020.	FY2015-16: 36.6%
DASH Transit Service Enhancements and Expansion (FY2018-23)	A contract was executed with the consultant in November 2020 and project work has begun	1.8%
<b>Town of Leesburg</b>		
Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway (FY2018-23)	A consultant is selected, and Town initiated negotiations with the highest ranking candidate on December 7, 2020.	0.0%
<b>VRE</b>		
Franconia-Springfield Platform Improvements (FY2015-16)	Final design completion is delayed, now anticipated by 1st quarter of CY 2021, from earlier estimated completion by end of CY 2020.	5.5%
Crystal City Platform Improvements (FY2015-16, FY2018-23)	30% Design Plans were submitted per schedule on Dec 11, 2020.	FY2015-16: 100.0% FY2018-23: 0.0%

\*\*Substantive changes: SPA appendices A/B, Project administration, Start/completion of phases, Groundbreaking/ribbon-cutting ceremonies, Public information meetings, Major engineering progress.