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Mr. William Dyer
Division Chief, National Rail Planning
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Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Amendment 2 to the Virginia State Rail Plan: Amtrak Acquisition of Replacement Trainsets

Mr. Dyer:

In January 2018, Virginia's Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted a new Virginia State Rail Plan (SRP) with a discrete list of statewide goals and objectives. The 2018 SRP includes objectives to "support 'State of Good Repair' projects," "expand transportation options between regional markets through enhancements to passenger rail service," and "leverage previous investments by supporting passenger services." These concepts were developed further in an SRP amendment letter, also known as "Amendment 1," which was accepted by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on March 18, 2019, and attached to this letter. Amendment 1 documented that the Commonwealth is working with Amtrak to acquire new equipment as part of the goals and objectives in the 2018 SRP.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) wishes to further amend the 2018 SRP to specify, per the NOFO for 2019 Federal-State Partnership Program State of Good Repair funds, that Virginia supports the Amtrak Acquisition of Replacement trainsets. Total Cost for this endeavor is estimated at \$2.3 billion with the states' share estimated at over \$1 billion. Virginia, Amtrak, and states sponsoring intercity passenger rail service are coordinating on efforts to secure federal financial support.

Please let this letter serve as Amendment 2 to the 2018 SRP to specifically support Amtrak acquisition of replacement trainsets as part of its goals and objectives. If you have any questions please contact Emily Stock, Manager of Rail Planning at 804-786-1052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jennifer Mitchell

Enclosure: March 28, 2019 Amendment to the Virginia State Rail Plan: Replacing locomotive and railcar equipment for Amtrak state-sponsored service (Amendment 1)