Agenda Item 9-D  
**Action Item**

To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board  
From: Rich Dalton  
Date: November 20, 2020  
Re: Recommend the Commissions Approve the 2021 VRE Legislative Agenda

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**Recommendation:**

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions approve the 2021 VRE Legislative Agenda and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to actively pursue the elements set forth in the attached document.

**Background:**

Annually, VRE prepares a Legislative Agenda to communicate VRE’s legislative priorities in coordination with the Commissions and member jurisdictions. The Legislative Agenda, which addresses State and Federal issues, is attached.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no direct funding impact associated with adopting this agenda item.
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WHEREAS, VRE is an essential part of regional transportation network for the Northern Virginia and DC Metropolitan region; and,

WHEREAS, VRE serves residents throughout the Commonwealth to provide a meaningful public transportation option; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential for VRE to educate and advocate for desired legislative and regulatory outcomes with members of Congress and their staff, with staff of federal entities, in the Virginia General Assembly and with the Governor and his administration; and,

WHEREAS, VRE has coordinated its Legislative Agenda with the staffs of the Commissions and member jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby recommend the Commissions find that, in accordance with recently adopted amendments to budget bills HB 29 and 30, meeting by electronic means is authorized because the nature of the declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Operations Board to assemble in a single location on November 20, 2020, and that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the items on the November 20, 2020 Operations Board Meeting Agenda are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Operations Board and the discharge of the Operations Board’s lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities; and further find that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the items on the November 20, 2020 Operations Board Meeting Agenda are encompassed within the continuity of operations ordinances adopted by member localities of the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board to assure the continued operation of the government during the disaster posed by the public health emergency resulting from COVID-19; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby recommend the Commissions approve the 2021 VRE Legislative Agenda and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to actively pursue the elements set forth in the attached document.
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Approved this 20th day of November 2020

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Jeanine Lawson
Secretary