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HOUSE BILL NO. 564 Offered January 13, 2010

Prefiled January 12, 2010

A BILL to amend and reenact § 1 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 Special Session II, relating to the extension of the proposed light rail system in the City of Norfolk to the beachfront in the City of Virginia Beach.

Patrons—Tata and Knight

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 1 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 Special Session II is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 1. The General Assembly determines that expansion of the Norfolk Light Rail system, including extension from its current terminus at Newtown Road in the City of Norfolk to the Oceanfront in the City of Virginia Beach, along the Interstate 264 corridor on the right-of-way of the Norfolk Southern Railway, is in the public interest and qualifies for public funding, to the extent that any may be required, from the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund, established by § 33.1-221.1:8 of the Code of Virginia, or other funding available to the Commonwealth. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the funds provided to the City of Virginia Beach under the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund to purchase railroad right-of-way from the Norfolk Southern Railroad shall be expended and used subject to such requirements as the Federal Transit Administration shall determine to be most effective for the construction of the public transportation project.