

AGENDA ITEM 9-A
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS RELATED TO
THE PROPOSED TARIFF AMENDMENTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to solicit comment through public hearings in Washington, DC; Crystal City; Burke; Woodbridge, Manassas, Stafford and Fredericksburg related to the proposed fare change, indexing policy, and subsequent amendment of VRE's Tariff.

BACKGROUND:

During the FY 2009 budget process, the Operations Board authorized a fare increase of up to 3% to offset increases in fuel, insurance and maintenance costs. VRE staff has reviewed this plan and proposes an across the board increase of up to 3% without any change to the current ticket discount structure. Comments on a potential future indexing policy will also occur.

VRE will conduct hearings during February and March in D.C. as well as at locations on both lines. Staff will report back to the Operations Board with a summary of comments. If adopted, these changes will become effective the first week of July 2008, with the start of the FY 2009 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This modification is consistent with the recommendations of the Operations Board related to the FY 2009 budget.

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RESOLUTION
9A-01-2008
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, during the FY 2009 budget process, the Operations Board authorized a fare increase of up to 3%; and,

WHEREAS, VRE staff has reviewed the fare structure and is recommending this increase be accomplished through an increase in fares with no change or modification to the current ticket discount structure; and,

WHEREAS, the VRE Operations Board is also considering a fare indexing policy; and,

WHEREAS, VRE will report back to the Operations Board with a summary of comments; and,

WHEREAS, if adopted, the fare increase will become effective the first week of July 2008, with the start of the FY 2009 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to solicit comment through public hearings in Washington, DC; Crystal City; Burke; Woodbridge, Manassas, Stafford and Fredericksburg related to the proposed fare change, indexing policy, and subsequent amendment of VRE's Tariff.