Agenda Item 9-C
Consent Item

To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: January 16, 2015
Re: Authorization to Conduct Public Hearings Related to a Proposed Fare Increase

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is 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 a proposed 4% fare increase and subsequent amendments to VRE’s Tariff.

Background:

The proposed FY 2016 budget under consideration by the VRE Operations Board includes a fare increase of up to 4% without any change to the current ticket discount structure.

VRE will conduct hearings during February and March in Washington, DC, Crystal City, Burke, Woodbridge, Manassas, Stafford and Fredericksburg. Staff will report back to the Operations Board no later than April with a summary of comments and recommendation for action. If adopted, these changes would become effective the first week of July 2015, with the start of the FY 2016 budget.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with conducting these hearings.
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WHEREAS, during the FY 2016 budget process, the VRE Operations Board authorized a fare increase of up to 4%; and,

WHEREAS, VRE staff recommends this increase be accomplished through an across the board increase in fares with no change or modification to the current ticket discount structure; and,

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

WHEREAS, if adopted, the fare increase would become effective the first week of July 2015, with the start of the FY 2016 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to solicit comment through public hearings in Washington, DC, Crystal City, Burke, Woodbridge, Manassas, Stafford, and Fredericksburg related to a proposed 4% fare increase and subsequent amendments to VRE’s Tariff.

Approved this 16th day of January 2015

John Cook
Chairman

Paul Smedberg
Secretary