Agenda Item 9-B
Action Item

To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: October 16, 2015

Re: Recommend Authorization to Amend the Norfolk Southern Operating Access Agreement

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the April 30, 2014, Norfolk Southern Operating Access Agreement to reflect schedule changes for the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg line trains due to opening the Spotsylvania station and adding one round trip Fredericksburg line train in a form approved by legal counsel.

Background:

The VRE has an Operating Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation permitting VRE operations in the Manassas to Washington Corridor. This agreement, in part, establishes several train operating criteria including train schedules. The recommended amendment will incorporate into the existing Agreement schedule modifications for VRE Manassas Line trains to eliminate conflicts with VRE trains entering and leaving the Manassas Line to and from the CSX Transportation Fredericksburg line via the AF Interlock. These changes are related to the opening of the Spotsylvania station and adding one round trip Fredericksburg line train.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.
Virginia Railway Express
Operations Board

Resolution
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Recommend Authorization to Amend the
Norfolk Southern Operating Access Agreement

WHEREAS, VRE has an Operating Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company dated April of 2014 for a term of five years; and,

WHEREAS, the Operating Access Agreement, in part, identifies train schedules for the VRE Manassas line trains that intersect with CSX Transportation at the AF interlock; and,

WHEREAS, VRE will modify the train schedules with CSX Transportation to add an additional round trip Fredericksburg line train; and,

WHEREAS, the modified trains schedules with CSX Transportation will directly affect the VRE Manassas line trains; and,

WHEREAS, in order to eliminate train schedule conflicts the VRE Manassas Line trains schedules need to be modified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an Amendment to the Operating Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company to modify the VRE Manassas Line train schedules in a form approved by legal counsel.

Approved this 16th day of October 2015

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John C. Cook
Chairman

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Paul Smedberg
Secretary