Agenda Item 9-C  
Action Item

To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: October 16, 2015

Re: Recommend Authorization to Amend the Amtrak Access and Storage Agreement

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the July 1, 2015, Amtrak Access and Storage Agreement to reflect schedule changes for the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg line trains to reflect the opening of the Spotsylvania station in a form approved by legal counsel.

Background:

The VRE has an Access and Storage Agreement with Amtrak permitting VRE trains into and out of Washington Union Terminal. This agreement, in part, establishes several train operating criteria including train schedules. The recommended amendment will incorporate into the existing Agreement schedule changes to the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg line trains to reflect the opening of the Spotsylvania Station and the addition of one round trip Fredericksburg line train.

Fiscal Impact:

The FY 2016 budget includes $230,000 for additional access costs at Washington Union Terminal related to the new Fredericksburg line train. In future years, the allocation of costs to VRE for use of the terminal will be increased to reflect the additional service, at an estimated annual cost of approximately $200,000.
Virginia Railway Express
Operations Board

Resolution
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Recommend Authorization to Amend the
Amtrak Access and Storage Agreement

WHEREAS, VRE has an Operating Access Agreement with Amtrak dated July 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Access and Storage Agreement, in part, identifies train schedules for the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg line trains; and,

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

WHEREAS, the modified trains schedules will directly affect the arrival and departure schedules into and out of Washington Union Terminal; and,

WHEREAS, in order to incorporate the modified train schedules into the current Agreement an Amendment is required;

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 Access and Storage Agreement with Amtrak to modify the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg 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