To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board  
From: Doug Allen  
Date: November 18, 2016  
Re: Recommend Authorization to Amend the CSX Transportation Operating Access Agreement and Master Facilities Lease Agreement

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendments to the CSX Operating Access Agreement to reflect train schedule changes and the Master Facilities Lease Agreement to add the L’Enfant Storage tracks in a form approved by legal counsel.

Background:

The VRE has an Operating/Access Agreement with CSX Transportation permitting VRE operations in the Fredericksburg to Washington Corridor. This agreement, in part, establishes several train operating criteria including train schedules. The recommended amendment would incorporate into the existing Agreement the following changes:

1) Changes to the current train schedules to reflect actual run-times between Spotsylvania and the Fredericksburg Stations.  
2) Update the physical characteristics of the corridor to include the new L’Enfant Storage tracks.
The VRE also has a Master Facilities Lease Agreement with CSX Transportation for the lease of right of way primarily for property where current station platforms and access roads exist. The recommended amendment would incorporate the addition of the L’Enfant Storage tracks located in the CSX Transportation right of way.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for the lease of the right of way for the L’Enfant Storage tracks has been included in the FY 2017 budget. Funding beyond FY 2017 will be provided for in subsequent budgets. There is no impact to funding for the update of the train schedules.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, VRE’s current Operating Access Agreement with CSX Transportation was executed in July of 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the current Operating Access Agreement defines the train schedules and physical characteristics of the rail corridor in which VRE operations; and,

WHEREAS, the current train schedules and physical characteristics of the rail corridor need to be modified to include revised train schedules and the addition of the L’Enfant Storage tracks; and,

WHEREAS, VRE has a Master Facilities Lease Agreement with CSX Transportation for all Stations on the CSX Transportation right of way; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Facilities Lease Agreement needs to be updated to include the right of way for the L’Enfant Storage tracks;

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 current CSX Transportation Operating Access Agreement to 1) revise the current train schedules; 2) update the physical characteristics of the rail corridor to include the L’Enfant Storage tracks in a form approved by legal counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an Amendment to the current Master Facilities Lease Agreement to include the right of way for the L’Enfant Storage tracks in a form approved by legal counsel.

Approved this 18th day of November 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary