Agenda Item 8-F
Action Item

To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: November 18, 2016
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 train schedule changes for the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg line trains 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. VRE has recently developed new schedules and the amendment will incorporate into the existing Agreement schedule modifications for VRE Manassas Line trains to reduce station dwell times and eliminate potential conflicts with VRE trains entering and leaving the Manassas Line to and from the CSX Transportation Fredericksburg line via the AF Interlock.

Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact.
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 current train schedules with CSX Transportation to accurately reflect train run times between the Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg Stations; and,

WHEREAS, VRE will modify the current train schedules with Norfolk Southern Railway to reduce station dwell times;

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 18th day of November 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary