To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: November 18, 2016

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 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. VRE has recently developed new schedules for the Fredericksburg and Manassas lines and the amendment will incorporate these modifications into the existing Agreement. There are no changes to arrival and departure times for VRE trains at Washington Union Station.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.
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Resolution  
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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; and,

WHEREAS, the modified trains schedules will not 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 18th day of November 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary