

SUBJECT: Extension of the Norfolk Southern Operating Access Agreement.

WHEREAS: The Commissions currently have an Operating/Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern dated as of May 5, 2000, related to VRE operations in

the Manassas to Washington, D.C. corridor;

WHEREAS: This agreement, following several extensions, will expire December 31,

2013;

WHEREAS: VRE staff has held negotiation sessions with Norfolk Southern

representatives;

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends extending the existing new

agreement to June 30, 2013 to allow time to conclude negotiations and

finalize a new agreement; and

WHEREAS: Necessary funding has been incorporated into the FY 2014 budget to

allow VRE to continue its operations over Norfolk Southern tracks via this

contract extension.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute an extension of the existing May 5, 2000 Amended Operating/Access

Agreement with Norfolk Southern to June 30, 2013.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

Jeffrey McKay Chairman

David Snyder

Secretary-Treasurer