



RESOLUTION #2305

SUBJECT: Authorize the VRE CEO to Extend the Amended and Restated Operating Access Agreement with CSX Transportation

WHEREAS: The Commissions currently have an Amended and Restated Operating Access Agreement with CSX Transportation relating to VRE operations in the Fredericksburg to Washington corridor, with the agreement ending on June 30, 2016;

WHEREAS: VRE staff is currently engaged in ongoing discussions with CSXT concerning a new agreement and does not anticipate conclusion of these discussions prior to the expiration of the Amended and Restated Operating Access Agreement on June 30, 2016;

WHEREAS: A provision in the current agreement permits extending the existing agreement through June 30, 2017, without any changes to the terms and conditions;


WHEREAS: Necessary funding has been incorporated into the FY 2017 budget to allow VRE to continue its operations over CSXT tracks via this extension;


WHEREAS: The purpose of this extension is to allow time to identify and negotiate additional capacity improvement projects in the corridor; and

WHEREAS: The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute an extension of the existing Amended and Restated Operating Access Agreement with CSX Transportation through June 30, 2017.

Approved this 2nd day of June 2016.


Paul C. Smedberg
Secretary-Treasurer


Jay Fisette
Chairman