

**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-02-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

SECOND: _____

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO REFER THE GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL TO THE
COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the VRE Master Agreement requires the Commissions transmit to the participating and contributing jurisdictions (“member jurisdictions”) no later than February 1 of each year an approved annual budget and a request to budget and appropriate their respective jurisdictional subsidy as set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, the VRE Master Agreement provides that the participating jurisdictions will be requested by the Commissions to budget, and thereafter appropriate their entire share of the costs of commuter rail service as such share is calculated in accordance with the formula in the VRE Master Agreement, specifically, that 90 percent of the total costs be determined by the number of the jurisdiction’s residents riding commuter rail and 10 percent of the costs be determined by total population of each participating jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, the VRE Operations Board initiated analysis of VRE’s governance structure and subsidy allocation formula; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made in which the VRE Operations Board would be expanded to include all member jurisdictions with board seats proportionate to system ridership and weighted voting proportionate to jurisdictional subsidy; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has also been made to amend the VRE Master Agreement to allocate the jurisdictional subsidy based on system ridership only rather than the current 90% system ridership and 10% population formula; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the subsidy formula is proposed to be phased in over four years; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed changes require approval of an amendment to the VRE Master Agreement by the Commissions and each of the member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby adopt the revised FY 2007 and recommended FY 2008 VRE Operating and Capital Budget and forward the recommended FY 2008 VRE budget to each of the participating and contributing jurisdictions with a request that, in accordance with the VRE Master Agreement, they each include in their respective FY 2008 budgets their proportionate share of the VRE costs as set forth in the aforesaid FY 2008 VRE budget and thereafter appropriate such shares as set forth in the VRE Master Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby adopt and send to the member jurisdictions an alternate FY 2008 VRE Operating and Capital Budget which reflects the proposed change to the subsidy formula whereby total VRE costs are allocated among the member jurisdictions based on the number of the jurisdiction's residents riding commuter rail, as phased in over a four year period, such alternate budget being subject to approval by the Commissions and all member jurisdictions of the above described amendments to the VRE Master Agreement pertaining to VRE Operations Board membership and the subsidy formula, in which event the participating and contributing jurisdictions are requested to include in their respective FY 2008 budgets, in accordance with the VRE Master Agreement, their proportionate share of the VRE costs as set forth in the aforesaid alternate FY 2008 VRE budget and to thereafter appropriate such shares as set forth in the VRE Master Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Executive Directors of both NVTC and PRTC to submit to the Transportation Planning Board of the National Capital Region and to the Federal Transit Administration or other federal agencies, the appropriate Transit Improvement Program and grant applications for FY 2007 and FY 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director of NVTC to submit to the Commonwealth the approved budget as part of the FY 2008 state aid grant applications.