

**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-01-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2007**

SECOND: _____

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND AMENDED OPERATING/ACCESS
AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN**

WHEREAS, the Commissions currently have an Operating/Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern related to VRE operations in the Manassas to Washington corridor, with said agreement ending on January 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, staff has reached an agreement in principle on many substantive items relating to a new agreement following detailed negotiation sessions with Norfolk Southern representatives; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to extend the existing agreement to July 31, 2007, without any changes to the existing agreement is expected from Norfolk Southern; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this extension is to allow time to negotiate and resolve the outstanding insurance issues relating to a new agreement; and

WHEREAS, necessary funding has been incorporated into the FY 2007 budget to allow VRE to continue its operations over Norfolk Southern tracks via this contract extension; and

WHEREAS, the VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute an extension of the Amended Operating/Access Agreement with Norfolk Southern through July 31, 2007.