



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

Agenda Item 10-C
Action Item

To: Chair Bohmke and the VRE Operations Board

From: Rich Dalton

Date: June 21, 2024

Re: Authorization to *Execute an Agreement with the Maryland Transit Administration* and to Amend the VRE Tariff for the Reinstatement of the MARC/VRE Cross Honor Agreement

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to ***execute an agreement with the Maryland Transit Administration for cross-honoring of tickets and to*** amend the Passenger Tariff to reflect the MARC and VRE Cross Honor Agreement terms.

Summary:

On **August 1, 2024**, VRE and MARC will reinstate their cross-honor agreement to carry each other's passengers on reverse-flow trains.

Background:

For many years, VRE and MARC offered a cross-honor program for riders that enabled MARC passengers to ride VRE using a valid MARC ticket (and, conversely, allowed VRE passengers to ride MARC with a valid VRE ticket) whenever they transferred from one rail service to another during their commute. The intent was to increase ridership on train services and cooperation across state lines by allowing passengers to take advantage of each other's services without additional fares. This agreement was terminated in 2015 by MARC and subsequently removed from the VRE Passenger Tariff.

VRE and MARC have agreed to reinstate the cross-honor program to promote MARC and VRE as regional DMV transportation services providers and to enhance the passenger experience. This agreement is effective **August 1, 2024**.



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Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this amendment.

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WHEREAS, MARC and VRE are reinstating their Cross-Honor Agreement *proposed in accordance with a memorandum of agreement with them*; and,

WHEREAS, each will carry the other's passengers on reverse-flow trains with a valid ticket from the other service; and,

WHEREAS, a Tariff change is required for VRE to reflect the reinstated Cross-Honor Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to *execute an agreement with the Maryland Transit Administration for cross-honoring of tickets and to amend VRE's Tariff to reflect the MARC and VRE Cross-Honor Agreement terms*.

Approved this 21st day of June 2024



Ralph Smith
Secretary


Meg Bohmke
Chair