

AGENDA ITEM 10-C
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN KAUFFMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2007

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS AND RELOCATE UTILITIES FOR THE MANASSAS PARKING GARAGE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to acquire utility easements and relocate utilities owned by Dominion Virginia Power as part of the Manassas Parking Garage project in an amount not to exceed \$416,000.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last several years, VRE and the City of Manassas have worked to assemble over \$7 million for a parking expansion project at the Manassas VRE station. During this time, Manassas also considered adding a second parking facility within the Old Town area of Manassas for business and municipal activities. After much consideration, the City and VRE opted to combine the two parking facility projects into one garage which will hold 520 parking spaces. Property acquisition for this facility was completed in September and tenant relocation was completed in January. Final design is underway and is expected to be complete by the end of February 2007.

The acquired property was conveyed with utility easements owned by Dominion Virginia Power. A utility easement along the northern edge of the site must be vacated and another along the southern edge revised to allow for the parking garage to be constructed. The cost for vacating the northern easement is \$95,000. The cost to revise the southern easement is \$10,000. Furthermore, a high-mast power line must be relocated at a cost of up to \$311,000.

Since the property is being conveyed by the City to VRE, authorization is required at this time in order to allow contracts to be executed with Dominion Virginia Power that will acquire the necessary easements and relocate utilities. Contracts will be executed following VRE legal review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the project are included in VRE's CIP as part of the Manassas City Parking Deck project. Funding for this element of the project is from an FY 2002 federal earmark. The local match is being provided by the City of Manassas.

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**RESOLUTION
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OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Manassas and VRE are jointly building a parking facility which will hold 520 parking spaces; and,

WHEREAS, property acquisition for this facility was completed in September and included utility easements owned by Dominion Virginia Power; and,

WHEREAS, a utility easement along the northern edge of the site must be vacated and another along the southern edge revised to allow for the parking garage to be constructed; and,

WHEREAS, a high-mast power line must also be relocated; and,

WHEREAS, the property is being conveyed by the City to VRE and authorization is required to allow contracts to be executed with Dominion Virginia Power that will acquire the necessary easements and relocate utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to acquire utility easements and relocate utilities owned by Dominion Virginia Power as part of the Manassas Parking Garage project in an amount not to exceed \$416,000.