

**AGENDA ITEM 9-D**  
**ACTION ITEM**

**TO: CHAIRMAN KAUFFMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD**

**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**

**DATE: JUNE 15, 2007**

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR LOCOMOTIVE  
TURBO CHARGER WORK**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technology, Inc. (TTI) authorizing them to perform up to eight programmed turbo charger change outs for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for both parts and labor.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over the past two years, VRE has experienced several catastrophic failures to turbo chargers on locomotives that were in service. As a result of this pattern of failures, VRE staff instructed Amtrak to change all turbo chargers that were not changed out within the last two years as a preventative measure. Due to demands on the services of the Amtrak maintenance crew, Amtrak was not able to accept this task.

VRE subsequently requested a task order from TTI to perform this work on eight units. For the remaining locomotives, ten units in VRE's fleet have had this work completed along with other maintenance work. The remaining two units are leases and either do not require the work or have had it completed. This work is expected to take approximately six months.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding is included in VRE's Capital Improvement Program as part of the locomotive overhaul project. Funding is available from a FY 2005 federal grant. The local match is provided for using state and local funds.

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

**WHEREAS**, over the past two years, VRE experienced several turbo charger failures which caused disruptions to the service; and

**WHEREAS**, VRE directed Amtrak to preventatively change out any turbo chargers that were not changed within the past two years; and

**WHEREAS**, demands on the Amtrak maintenance crew prevented them from accepting this work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technology, Inc. (TTI) authorizing them to perform up to eight programmed turbo charger change outs for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for both parts and labor.