

**AGENDA ITEM 8-C**  
**ACTION ITEM**

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

**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2007**

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SOUNDER AUTHORITY**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to recommend that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to increase the authorization limit by \$500,000 from \$8,226,000 to \$8,726,000 for the continued lease of one set of high capacity rail cars from Sound Transit.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2001, VRE entered into a lease with Sound Transit for three sets of railcars. In 2005, VRE returned the first set of cars. Additional equipment was returned in 2006 and 2007, leaving only one six-car train set in service. Operations Board authority for this lease from 2001 through the present totals \$8,226,000 and will only carry the current equipment through the end of 2007. VRE needs to retain possession of this set until several shipments of the new cars arrive. As such, VRE staff recommends the continuation of the lease through June 30, 2008 at a cost of \$500,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding is available from the Sounder Lease project in the VRE capital budget. Funding is provided using a FY 2006 federal grant. Local match is being provided using state and local funds.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**8C-09-2007**  
**OF THE**  
**VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS**  
**OPERATIONS BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, VRE currently has one remaining set of equipment in service under a lease agreement with Sound Transit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Operations Board has authorized \$8,226,000 for this lease, which will only carry the current equipment through the end of 2007; and,

**WHEREAS**, to sustain VRE's present seating capacity, it is necessary to retain this last train set until several sets of new cars are delivered to VRE and put into service; and,

**WHEREAS**, VRE recommends increasing the authorization limit for the lease of one set of high capacity rail cars from Sound Transit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the VRE Operations Board recommends that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to increase the authorization limit by \$500,000, from \$8,226,000 to \$8,726,000, for the continued lease of one set of high capacity rail cars from Sound Transit.