

AGENDA ITEM 8-D
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN KAUFFMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR
LOCOMOTIVE MAIN GENERATOR BEARING REPAIRS**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to perform repairs to locomotive main generator bearings in an amount not to exceed \$242,000.

BACKGROUND:

As part of ongoing efforts to improve locomotive maintenance, VRE staff recently determined that the bearings between the main generators and the prime mover diesel should be inspected and lubricated on an annual basis and replaced as required. Up until this time, Amtrak had not been performing such inspections as part of the annual inspection task work.

While the bearings have a life expectancy of approximately seven years, VRE staff believe that this inspection work will prevent locomotive failures in the future. This work will be performed in the field, including bearing replacements, if required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this task order is provided from the FY 2007 Operation budget.

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

WHEREAS, as part of ongoing efforts to improve locomotive maintenance efforts, VRE staff is recommending annual inspection of locomotive main generator bearings; and,

WHEREAS, Transportation Technology, Inc. (TTI) is already under contract with VRE to perform locomotive repair services; and,

WHEREAS, such inspections and any necessary bearing replacements will be conducted in the field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to perform repairs to locomotive main generator bearings in an amount not to exceed \$242,000.