

AGENDA ITEM 8-B
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: JUNE 20, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A SOLICITATION FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF THE BROAD RUN MAINTENANCE FACILITIES PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for construction of the Broad Run Maintenance Facility.

BACKGROUND:

The VRE Broad Run storage yard, located at the end of the Manassas line, consists of eight stub-end tracks that store six VRE train sets overnight. Due to overcrowding of storage, maintenance, and inspection facilities at Washington Union Terminal, VRE is relocating inspection and some maintenance activities to outlying yards. This shift was accelerated by the January 2002, Section 238 regulations that require passenger cars to go through a 184-day inspection; overwhelming existing Amtrak inspection facilities. The initiative to shift more fleet maintenance to outlying yards was approved by the Operations Board at the June 18, 2004 meeting.

At the August 2006 Operations Board meeting, engineering and design efforts for this project were approved. Similar to the ongoing project at the Crossroads yard, this action item will solicit construction of a locomotive and railcar maintenance building and track expansion within the existing yard area. Once complete, VRE will be in a position to assume additional maintenance functions at both yards. This transition in duties will be included in the upcoming purchases of services procurement.

VRE staff will return to the Operations Board for authorization to execute a contract once bids have been received and evaluated.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the project are included in VRE's Capital Improvement Program as part of the Broad Run Maintenance Facilities project. Funding is available from FY 2004, FY 2005, FY 2006 and FY 2007 federal grants. The local match is provided using state and local funds.

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RESOLUTION
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OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, overcrowding of storage, maintenance, and inspection facilities at Washington Union Terminal has necessitated the relocation of inspection and minor maintenance activities at the outlying yards; and,

WHEREAS, the initiative to shift more fleet maintenance to outlying yards was approved by the Operations Board at the June 18, 2004 meeting; and,

WHEREAS, detailed plans and specifications for the Broad Run maintenance facility and track expansion have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids for construction of the Broad Run Maintenance Facility.