

AGENDA ITEM 8-B
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: MAY 16, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR
LOCOMOTIVE TOP DECK REBUILD WORK**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to perform top deck rebuild work on two locomotives in an amount not to exceed \$450,000, plus a contingency of \$45,000, for a total of \$495,000.

BACKGROUND:

Since April 2006, the VRE Operations Board has approved top deck rebuilds on eight of VRE's locomotives under a contract with TTI to maintain and repair locomotives. Two additional locomotives have received top deck repairs through separate task order work. As such, only five more of VRE's fifteen GP-type locomotives require top deck rebuilds. This authorization will allow two of these units to be rebuilt.

In January of 2008, Motive Power was awarded a contract to supply two new locomotives to VRE, with an option for eighteen more. These new locomotives are currently not expected to enter VRE service until mid-2010. Additionally, since funding for the option order was to include HB 3202 funding and remains uncertain, top deck rebuild work on the existing fleet must continue.

This task order may include a comprehensive rebuilding of the top deck; installation of a new hot start; repair of the turbo charger, if needed; repair of the main generator bearing and extensive testing on the engine for additional hidden

faults. The task order also includes freight to and from the repair facility. The work will take approximately two months from the time a locomotive leaves VRE's facility to being returned to VRE property for service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is available from the locomotive overhaul project in the VRE capital budget. Funding is provided using FY 2007 and FY 2008 federal grants. Local match is being provided using state and local funds.

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RESOLUTION
8B-05-2008
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, VRE has an existing contract with Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to perform top deck rebuild work; and,

WHEREAS, since April 2006, the VRE Operations Board has approved top deck rebuilds on eight of VRE's locomotives; and,

WHEREAS, given the schedule for the new locomotive delivery, top deck rebuild work on the existing fleet must continue; and,

WHEREAS, VRE is recommending approval of work on two of the remaining five locomotives for top deck overhaul rebuild work.

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 top deck rebuild work on two locomotives in an amount not to exceed \$450,000, plus a contingency of \$45,000, for a total of \$495,000.