

AGENDA ITEM 8-A
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A FORCE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT WITH CSX FOR CAB SIGNAL PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a force account agreement with CSX to install Automatic Cab Signals from RO to Virginia Avenue for a total amount not to exceed \$1,260,000.

BACKGROUND:

The CSX line on the RF&P railroad, within the VRE territory is equipped with automatic cab signalization except for the segment between Roselyn (RO) and Union Station, where rail traffic is most dense and speeds are most restrictive. Cab signalization provides the train engineer with an advanced warning regarding the signal indication ahead. Installing the automated cab signals will allow trains to maintain higher speeds through this area and therefore improve on time performance.

On October 30, 2007, VRE submitted a Rail Enhancement Fund grant application to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. CSX agreed to provide the needed 30 percent match. DRPT has since approved the grant and a Force Account agreement with CSX has been drafted. Once signed, CSX can complete the work within six months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project is provided through FY 2008 Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Rail Enhancement Fund grant. The local match is being provided by CSX.

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RESOLUTION
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OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, cab signalization provides an advanced warning regarding the signal indication ahead, allowing trains to maintain higher speeds and improving on time performance; and,

WHEREAS, VRE's territory on the CSX line is equipped with cab signals, with the exception of the segment between Roselyn and Union Station; and,

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2007, VRE submitted a Rail Enhancement Fund grant application to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for this project; and

WHEREAS, funding was received and a force account agreement is now needed in order for CSX to complete the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a force account agreement with CSX to install Automatic Cab Signals from RO to Virginia Avenue for a total amount not to exceed \$1,260,000.