

**AGENDA ITEM 8-A**  
**CONSENT ITEM**

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

**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**

**DATE: MARCH 20, 2009**

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR  
LOCOMOTIVE DIAGNOSTIC WORK**

---

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Motive Power, Inc. (MPI) for locomotive diagnostic work in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

Beginning in November of 2006, VRE has held a task order for locomotive diagnostic work through the locomotive maintenance contract. The task order allows for qualified personnel in the VRE yards to immediately investigate reported mechanical issues with the locomotive fleet. Based on their findings, the personnel perform light or running repairs, if possible, or report the nature of the problem for further action. If higher level repairs are required, an independent task order is written for that locomotive. Absent this task order, all reported mechanical issues would require the locomotive to be shipped to Ivy City for diagnosis and a disposition determined.

This task order is currently performed by Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI), who holds the locomotive maintenance contract through March 22, 2009. Motive Power was recently awarded the successor contract for these services and will

hold that contract until June 30, 2010, when the new Operations and Maintenance Contract takes over these responsibilities.

Based upon the current consumption rate of this task order, staff estimates the proposed value should carry through June 30, 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this project is available from the FY 2009 - 2010 operating budgets.

**TO: CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD**  
**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**  
**DATE: MARCH 20, 2009**  
**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR**  
**LOCOMOTIVE DIAGNOSTIC WORK**

**RESOLUTION**  
**8A-03-2009**  
**OF THE**  
**VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS**  
**OPERATIONS BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, VRE has had a task order for locomotive diagnostic work with Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) since November 2006; and,

**WHEREAS**, this task order allows TTI to facilitate immediate investigations into locomotive failures and, if minor repairs are required, to immediately make those repairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the underlying contract for locomotive maintenance transfers from TTI to Motive Power, Inc., effective March 23, 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new contract runs through June 30, 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the task order has permitted VRE to keep its locomotive fleet at a much higher operational status than would have been possible without it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Motive Power, Inc. (MPI) for locomotive diagnostic work in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.