TO: CHAIRMAN SMEDBERG AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DOUG ALLEN

DATE: MARCH 15, 2013

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE AN IFB FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSSROADS TO HAMILTON THIRD TRACK PROJECT

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RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the construction of the Crossroads to Hamilton Third Track (Spotsylvania Track) project.

BACKGROUND:

The Spotsylvania Station Project includes three elements: The Crossroads to Hamilton Third Track, the station and the parking lot. This IFB pertains to the track part of the project. This portion of track is required by CSX prior to the initiation of train service to the new Spotsylvania VRE station. The Crossroads to Hamilton third track is the last of the original MOU projects. In accordance with the terms of Spotsylvania County joining VRE, the execution of this railroad infrastructure is a VRE responsibility while construction of the station and parking facility are a responsibility of the County.

VRE began design in January of 2011 and the plans are expected to be finalized in April and bids to be received in May. Environmental documents are being finalized and permitting is underway. Coordination with CSX and utility relocation efforts are underway in order to allow construction to begin in June.

Once bids are received, staff will return to the Board with a recommendation for contract authorization. Authorization of this IFB will allow the project to proceed in an effort to allow the new Spotsylvania station to be operational by the end of this year.
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project is included in VRE’s Capital Improvement Program as part of the Spotsylvania Station Third Track (Crossroad to Hamilton Third Track) project. Total funding for the project of $32.5M is provided from the following sources:

- VRE federal formula funds - $7,920,000 (VA-05-0048, VA-90-X380 and FY 13 grant)
- Federal funds allocated by DRPT - $4,500,000 (VA-95-X046)
- Rail Enhancement Funds - $13,856,292 (76512-XX)
- Local match – VRE - $3,723,708
- Match funds provided by CSX - $2,500,000
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RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, VRE began design in January of 2011 and the plans are expected to be finalized in April and bids to be received in May; and,

WHEREAS, the project will be constructed in coordination with the Spotsylvania Station project; and,

WHEREAS, authorization is required in order to meet an aggressive project schedule and allow the new Spotsylvania Station to be opened by the end of this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the construction of the Crossroads to Hamilton Third Track (Spotsylvania Track) project.

Approved this 15th day of March, 2013.

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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John Cook
Secretary