To: Chairman Smedberg and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: October 18, 2013

Re: Authorization to Approve a Contract Amendment for Track and Tie Rehabilitation at the VRE Broad Run and Crossroads Yards

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with G.W. Peoples Contracting Company, Inc. of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, for additional track and tie repairs at the Crossroads Yard and increase the $434,553 contract amount by $15,093, for a total contract value not to exceed $449,646.

Background:

In May 2013, following a competitive procurement process, the Operations Board authorized VRE to enter into a contract with G.W. Peoples Contracting Company, Inc. for track and tie rehabilitation at the VRE Broad Run and Crossroads Yards in the amount of $395,048, plus a 10% contingency, for a total amount not to exceed $434,553.

In mid-September, during the final week of rehabilitation work at the Crossroads Yard, it was observed that the track between the existing S&I Building and Train Wash Building, which is covered with asphalt, was sinking significantly under locomotive loading conditions. After further investigation, which involved the removal of several tons of asphalt to access the track ties, it was discovered that the track ties in this area had become spongy due to water being trapped under the asphalt.
The asphalt removed was 1½ to 2 feet thick at the location (2 to 3 times thicker than anticipated when the repair was initiated). Repairs to this area were completed, including the replacement of deteriorated track ties and asphalt. This final contract amendment will also include the replacement of thirty-five (35) additional switch timbers at the Crossroads Yard, which were discovered to be deteriorated during the process of replacement of adjacent ties. Due to the extent of the necessary remediation, the cost exceeded the 10% contingency.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided for in the FY 2013 Federal Grant for Facilities Infrastructure Renewal.
Virginia Railway Express
Operations Board

Resolution
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WHEREAS, in May 2013, the Operations Board authorized VRE to enter into a contract with G.W. Peoples Contracting Company, Inc. of Carnegie, Pennsylvania for track and tie rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, additional work was discovered after the original scope of work was identified; and,

WHEREAS, additional authorization is needed in the amount of $15,093, for a total not to exceed $449,646, in order to address additional track and tie repairs at the Crossroads Yard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with G.W. Peoples Contracting Company, Inc. of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, for additional track and tie replacement at the Crossroads Yard and increase the $434,553 contract amount by $15,093, for a total contract value not to exceed $449,646.

Approved this 18th day of October 2013

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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John Cook
Treasurer