Agenda Item 8-D
Consent Item

To: Chairman Milde and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: December 19, 2014
Re: Authorization to Issue an Invitation for Bids for L’Enfant Wayside Power Construction

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Wayside Power construction at the L’Enfant Station.

Background:

Since 2007 VRE, CSXT and PEPCO have been planning and designing this project. The project will consist of CSXT installing new turn out tracks, a stub track, new signals and replacement signals, track and switches to allow VRE to utilize the existing north side storage track for VRE’s mid-day storage. VRE’s work will involve the installation of Wayside Power to enable the system to become operational.

In November 2014, the Board Approved Item 9-C Authorization to Execute an Amendment to the Project Addendum to the Construction agreement with CSX for the L’Enfant Storage Track Project. This approval enables VRE and CSXT to execute the construction agreement and to move forward on the construction of the track and signal work and the Wayside Power.

CSXT has begun ordering the long lead time items anticipating construction by CSXT forces to begin in Spring 2015. Utilizing the same CSXT flaggers during the track and signal
construction, a contractor will be able to implement VRE’s Wayside Power construction. VRE’s construction contractor will provide electrical service equipment, electrical distribution switchgear, wires and conduits, power pedestals, and civil engineering support. Regular coordination meetings have begun between VRE and CSXT to make sure all of the work can be accomplished as quickly as possible.

Some of the equipment for the Wayside Power was purchased by VRE previously and has been in storage at VRE’s Crossroads Storage Yard. VRE will conduct the pre-bid meeting for the contract at Crossroads so that contractors can inspect and determine if and what materials they will be using for the Wayside Power construction.

Invitation for Bids is the preferred and normal method of procurement suitable when seeking bids to provide goods and services at a firm-fixed price. This method is utilized when there is a complete, adequate, precise specification or purchase description. Award is made on the basis of price alone without discussions or negotiations with the Bidders. Upon receipt of the bids, VRE will return to the Board for authorization to award the construction contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided in the approved Capital Improvement Program through several federal formula grants (VA-05-0038, VA-05-0041 & 0042, VA-90-X307, VA-90-352, and VA-90-X401) with accompanying state and local match.
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Resolution
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L’Enfant Wayside Power Construction

WHEREAS, in November 2014 the VRE Operations Board resolved that VRE Execute an Amendment to the Project Addendum to the Construction agreement with CSX for the L’Enfant Storage Track Project; and,

WHEREAS, VRE, CSXT and PEPCO have been planning and designing this project since 2007; and,

WHEREAS, CSXT has begun ordering their long lead time construction materials for construction to begin in Spring 2015 involving turn out tracks, a stub track, new signals and replacement signals, track, and switches; and,

WHEREAS, VRE and PEPCO will be able to work in parallel to construct the Wayside Power elements of the project utilizing the same CSXT flaggers; and,

WHEREAS, funds for the construction necessary to create the operational system for mid-day and emergency VRE storage just north of the L’Enfant Station are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the VRE Chief Operating Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids for L’Enfant Wayside Power Construction and associated track work.

Approved this 19th day of December 2014

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Paul Milde
Chairman

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Gary Skinner
Secretary