To: Chairman Milde and the VRE Operations Board  
From: Doug Allen  
Date: March 21, 2014  
Re: Authorization to Execute a Force Account Agreement with CSX for the L'Enfant Storage Track Project

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a force account agreement with CSX Transportation for the L’Enfant Storage Track project in an amount of (cost to be provided at the meeting via bluesheet, plus a 10% contingency, for a total amount not to exceed (cost to be provided at the meeting via bluesheet.)

Background:

The Operations Board previously authorized an agreement with CSX Transportation to construct a storage track at the L’Enfant VRE station. The track has since been constructed with a switch at the south end, limiting access to southern approaches only. This effectively requires any train that would be stored at L’Enfant to terminate there. When VRE pursued terminating some trains at L’Enfant, passengers were not supportive and the proposed service change was dropped from consideration.
In June of 2011, the Operations Board approved the execution of a task order with CSX Transportation to modify the storage track design with a second switch to the north. This new switch will be tied into the mainline signal system, allowing for dispatcher control and better operational capabilities currently not provided with the existing switch.

This switch will also enable trains traveling all the way to Union Station to return to L’Enfant for storage. Additionally, the design includes a tail track to the south, providing temporary emergency storage of equipment.

The authorization being sought through this action will allow CSX Transportation to construct the storage track improvements, including a second switch to the north, a tail track to the south and signal system modifications.

**Project Budget:**

The current VRE project budget is estimated at $3,219,000.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided through several federal formula grants (VA-05-0038, VA-05-0041 & 0042, VA-90-X307, and VA-90-X380) with accompanying state and local match.
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WHEREAS, the Operations Board previously authorized an agreement with CSX Transportation to construct a storage track at the L’Enfant VRE station; and,

WHEREAS, the track was constructed with a switch to the south, limiting access; and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2011, the Operations Board approved the execution of a force account agreement with CSX Transportation to modify the storage track design; and,

WHEREAS, design modifications include a switch to the north, a tail track to the south for emergency equipment storage and signal system modifications.

WHEREAS, this authorization will allow CSX Transportation to construct the storage track improvements, including a second switch to the north, a tail track to the south and signal system modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a force account agreement with CSX Transportation to provide construction services for the L’Enfant Storage Track project in an amount of (cost to be provided at the meeting via bluesheet), plus a 10% contingency, for a total amount not to exceed (cost to be provided at the meeting via bluesheet.)

Approved this 21st day of March 2014

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Paul Milde  
Chairman

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Gary Skinner  
Secretary