To: Chairman Milde and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: March 21, 2014

Re: Recommendation that Commissions Authorize Execution of NVTA Project Agreements

**Recommendation:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to recommend that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer of VRE to execute the project agreements for the VRE projects included in the first round of Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) approved projects.

**Background:**

The passage of House Bill (HB) 2313 requires the NVTA to fund highway projects that contribute to congestion relief and emergency evacuation or mass transit capital projects that increase capacity.

On July 24, 2013 NVTA approved its initial FY 2014 program of highway and transit projects. In addition to a list of Pay-As-You-Go projects valued at $116,058,000, a project bond package totaling $93,735,000 was also approved. Four VRE projects totaling $30,500,000 were selected for funding: fleet expansion (nine additional coaches), Lorton station second platform, Alexandria station pedestrian tunnel and platform improvements and Gainesville-Haymarket expansion study.
NVTA has now developed a Standard Project Agreement for Funding and Administration that will be executed for each approved project. VRE is seeking authorization for the execution of the agreements for the following projects:

- Gainesville-Haymarket expansion project development - $1.5M (Pay-As-You-Go project list)
- Lorton station second platform - $7.9M (bond project list)
- Alexandria station tunnel and platform improvements - $1.3M (bond project list)

Authorization for executing a project agreement for the purchase of the nine additional coaches is not being sought at this time, as indicated in the funding plan for the purchase of expansion railcars presented to the Operations Board in January.

Project agreements for the Pay-As-You-Go projects are anticipated to be available after the NVTA meeting in April. Agreements for the bond funded projects will not be executed until after a line of credit is issued in late May or early June. NVTC will provide oversight for the Commissions on the reimbursement of project expenditures.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The NVTA funds were included in the revised FY 2014 capital program for the projects listed, and will allow these projects to be advanced.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill (HB) 2313 requires the NVTA to fund highway projects that contribute to congestion relief and emergency evacuation or mass transit capital projects that increase capacity; and,

WHEREAS, NVTA approved an initial FY 2014 project list in July 2013 that included funding for VRE projects; and,

WHEREAS, NVTA has developed a Standard Project Agreement for Funding and Administration that will be executed for each approved project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board recommends that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer of VRE to make any necessary corrections to project amounts or descriptions for the initial FY 2014 projects, and to execute the agreements for Gainesville-Haymarket expansion project development, Lorton station second platform project and the Alexandria station tunnel and platform improvements project on behalf of the Commissions.

Approved this 21st day of March 2014

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Paul Milde
Chairman

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Gary Skinner
Secretary