Agenda Item 8-L
Action Item

To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: July 17, 2015

Re: Recommend Authorization to Execute IPROC Funding Agreement.

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute an Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital (IPROC) program funding agreement with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Background:

Because VRE does not typically get IPROC allocations, prior Commission authorization for the CEO to execute funding agreements did not specifically contain language about IPROC agreements.

CSX Transportation (CSXT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) are collaborating to construct 11 miles of third track between Arkendale and Powells Creek in Prince William County. Scope elements were added that enhance safety and increase operational flexibility for CSXT, Amtrak and VRE trains, accommodating both the original project (third track) and the additional passenger projects at Quantico (track redesign and platforms) and Potomac Shores (track redesign only). DRPT has assigned management of design and construction of the redesigned elements to VRE using state grant funds.
The Commonwealth 2016-2021 Six-Year Improvement Program includes $9,500,000 allocated for VRE to complete the work referenced above. IPROC funding will be used to cover 100% of the cost of the work, so no matching funds are required. If the cost of the project exceeds the original grant amount, VRE will work with DRPT to secure additional state funding.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Quantico Station project will be amended in the VRE Capital Improvement Plan and the grant funding will be added to the FY 2016 Budget during the mid-year budget amendment process in December 2015.
Virginia Railway Express
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Resolution
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Recommend Authorization to Execute IPROC Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth 2016-2021 Six-Year Improvement Program includes $9,500,000 allocated to VRE to complete work on Quantico and Potomac Shores Platforms and Track; and,

WHEREAS, the work funded with this grant is being done in association with the Arkendale to Powells Creek project; and,

WHEREAS, Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital program funding will be used to cover 100% of the cost of the work, so no matching funds are required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board recommends the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer of VRE to execute an Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital program funding agreement with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Approved this 17th day of July 2015

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John C. Cook
Chairman

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Paul Smedberg
Secretary