To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: March 20, 2015

Re: Authorization to Issue an Invitation for Bids for Replacement of Tactile Warning Strips at Station Platforms

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Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for replacement of tactile warning strips at fourteen (14) station platforms.

Background:

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 with authorization to award the contract.

The tactile warning strips at VRE stations provide a distinctive surface pattern and color contrast feature used to warn visually impaired riders of both the trackside edge and the ends of the station platforms.
The tactile warning strips at the majority of VRE’s stations were installed many years ago. Due to years of exposure to the elements, they have experienced fading, delamination and chipping. Currently, the tactile warning strips are in need of replacement at 14 stations. Four stations are excluded due to maintenance responsibility by a separate party, pending replacement through a separate project or due to recent replacement. These stations are Washington Union Station, Lorton, Fredericksburg and Broad Run.

The scope of work for the IFB includes removal and replacement of the existing tactile strips, including the installation of intermittently spaced panels displaying text warning all riders to stay clear of the tracks.

Upon receipt of the bids, VRE staff will return to the Operations Board to request authorization to award the contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total cost of this project is funded with Federal FY 2016 State of Good Repair formula grants (5337), matched with state and local funds.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, the tactile warning strips at the majority of VRE’s stations were installed many years ago; and,

WHEREAS, due to years of exposure to the elements, they have experienced fading, delamination and chipping; and,

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes replacement of the existing tactile strips and the installation of intermittently spaced panels displaying text warning all riders to stay clear of the tracks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for replacement of tactile warning strips at fourteen (14) station platforms.

Approved this 20th day of March 2015

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John C. Cook
Chairman

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Paul Smedberg
Secretary