Agenda Item 9-B
Action Item

To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: November 20, 2015
Re: Authorization to Execute a Force Account Agreement for Engineering Services for Slaters Lane/Alexandria Station Track 1 Access

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a force account agreement with CSX Transportation for Preliminary Engineering for the Slaters Lane/Alexandria Station Track 1 Access Project in an amount of $425,000, plus a 10% contingency of $42,500, for a total amount not to exceed $467,500.

Background:

VRE has initiated a series of improvement projects at Alexandria Station to eliminate an at-grade pedestrian crossing of the tracks, improve access under the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, provide a direct connection to Metro, and permit passenger trains on Track 1 to stop safely at the station. The latter improvement will add operational flexibility and reliability for passenger and freight trains passing through the station. It is also a requirement under the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding, executed between CSX Transportation (CSXT), the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and VRE, and approved by the Commissions on July 10, 2014.
Slaters Lane Interlocking is located at Milepost CFP 106.3 on the CSXT RF&P Secondary in the City of Alexandria. It presently consists of a crossover from Track 3 to Track 2. An additional crossover is needed from Track 2 to Track 1 along with associated signal improvements so that passenger trains on any track north of Slaters Lane can stop on Track 1 at Alexandria Station.

CSXT has determined that the design of track and signal modifications at Slaters Lane should be produced by its own engineering forces and has provided VRE with a cost estimate. VRE will return to the Operations Board, once design has advanced sufficiently to estimate construction costs, for approval of another force account agreement for construction.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided through Northern Virginia Transportation Authority FY 2015 grants and is included in VRE’s Capital Improvement Program as part of the Alexandria Track 1 Access project.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding, between CSX Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and VRE dated July 10, 2014, requires improvements to the Slaters Lane Interlocking to provide passenger train access to Track 1 at Alexandria Station; and,

WHEREAS, completion of said improvements to Slaters Lane Interlocking will improve operational flexibility and reliability; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has provided funding for the said improvements in its FY 2015 program; and,

WHEREAS, this force account agreement will allow CSX Transportation to perform engineering for the said improvements as a prelude to construction;

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 engineering and services for the Slaters Lane/Alexandria Station Track 1 Access project and corresponding coordination with the adjacent projects in an amount of $425,000, plus a 10% contingency of $42,500, for a total amount not to exceed $467,500.

Approved this 20th day of November 2015

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John C. Cook
Chairman

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Paul Smedberg
Secretary