



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS  
OPERATIONS BOARD

**Agenda Item 8-G**  
**Action Item**

**To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board**

**From: Doug Allen**

**Date: June 17, 2016**

**Re: Recommend Authorization to Amend the Contract for New Passenger Rail Cars and Assign Options to Purchase Additional Rail Cars to Chicago Metra**

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VRE has a contract with Sumitomo for Nippon-Sharyo gallery style railcars. There is an option for 21 more railcars on this contract that expires in February 2017. VRE cannot exercise this option for the additional 21 railcars because we do not have funding for the railcars nor the space to store the additional cars. Metra, the commuter rail system serving the Chicago area, uses the same type of Nippon-Sharyo railcars as VRE. They approached VRE about purchasing railcars from our contract with Sumitomo for the Nippon-Sharyo railcars. The purpose of this item is to request that the Operations Board recommend the Commissions authorize an amendment to the Sumitomo contract to accommodate this request from Metra. More information and a resolution pertaining to this item will be presented via blue sheet at the Operations Board meeting.



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