To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: March 18, 2016

Re: Authorization to Execute a Sole Source Contract with KC Constructors for Construction of Station Improvements and Retaining Walls for the Powell’s Creek-Arkendale Third Track Project

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with KC Constructors for construction of retaining walls for the Powell’s Creek-Arkendale third track project and station elements for Quantico Station for an amount of $8,000,000, plus a ten percent contingency of $800,000, for a total amount not to exceed $8,800,000.

A sole source determination has been made in accordance with state and federal requirements, and VRE Procurement Policies, and public notice will be provided.

Background:

CSX Transportation (CSXT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) are collaborating to construct eleven miles of third track between Arkendale and Powells Creek in Prince William County under the leadership of DRPT and funded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant. The project is currently proceeding into the construction phase, which will be done by CSXT’s construction contractor KC Constructors (KCC).
Following completion of the original third track design, modifications to the Quantico Station were added that include an extension of the existing platform, a new island platform, and a pedestrian overpass connecting both platforms with Marine Corp Base Quantico. These changes enhance passenger safety and increase operational flexibility for CSXT, Amtrak and VRE trains. Two retaining walls were also designed to accommodate the change to island-side platform combinations at the Quantico Station and the Potomac Shores Station. As these changes were not in the original ARRA grant or CSXT’s contract, DRPT has provided VRE state grant funds for the redesign and construction of the Quantico Station and the retaining walls.

The redesigned track and passenger facilities at Quantico must be constructed at the same location and time as the third track improvements being constructed by KCC. Using multiple contractors simultaneously for construction of the third track, station, and retaining wall in the same confined right of way could result in conflicts that would delay project completion and possibly impact train operations. VRE believes a Sole Source Contract with KCC to also construct the station improvements at Quantico and retaining walls would eliminate conflicts and minimize the risk of train delays.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Commonwealth has allocated $9,500,000 from the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital (IPROC) fund for this project, of which $8,800,000 will be allocated for this contract. The remaining $700,000 will be held in reserve in case additional changes are needed. No VRE System Funds will be expended on this contract.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, CSX Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and Virginia Railway Express are collaborating to construct eleven miles of third track between Arkendale and Powell’s Creek in Prince William County; and,

WHEREAS, station improvements at Quantico and retaining walls were added to the third track project to enhance passenger safety and increase operational flexibility for CSXT, Amtrak and VRE trains; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has provided VRE with funding and assigned VRE responsibility for completing said station improvements and retaining walls; and,

WHEREAS, KC Contractors has been engaged by CSXT to construct the new third track in the same location and time as said station improvements and retaining walls; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state and federal requirements, a determination has been made, and public notice thereof provided, that KC Constructors, CSXT’s present design-build track contractor, is the only source practically available to construct said station improvements and retaining walls, and thus qualifies as a sole source procurement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with KC Constructors for construction of retaining walls for the Powell’s Creek-Arkendale third track project and station elements for Quantico Station for an amount of $8,000,000, plus a ten percent contingency of $800,000, for a total amount not to exceed $8,800,000.

Approved this 18th day of March 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary