Agenda Item 9-C
Action Item

To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: March 18, 2016
Re: Endorsement of Prince William County’s Transportation Land-Use Connection Grant Application

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to endorse the application being submitted by Prince William County to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board’s Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) program. Prince William County proposes developing a plan to improve connectivity around future VRE stations along the Gainesville-Haymarket Extension (GHX).

Background:

The TLC program provides consultant assistance to local governments in the Metropolitan Washington region to improve transportation/land use coordination. As a local jurisdiction in the Metropolitan Washington region that is a member of the TPB, Prince William County is eligible to apply for the grant. Recipients do not receive direct financial assistance. Technical assistance is provided by consultants who are contracted by the Council of Governments/Transportation Planning Board (COG/TPB).

TLC consulting services will be used to develop a corridor/area plan to guide the character of the development connecting the future town centers to the proposed VRE GHX stations. The intent of the plan is to address density, form, land use, and transit options. An integral component of the study would be to evaluate the potential for last mile transit connections.
from the VRE stations to the town centers via bicycle, pedestrian, or transit. Stakeholder participation is anticipated to develop and review the planning and design alternatives.

On February 1, 2016 COG/TPB issued a solicitation for projects to the FY 2017 TLC program. Project abstracts were due on February 25, 2016 (attached). Feedback from TPB staff on how to enhance the project concept and more clearly align it with the TLC program priorities was expected by March 3, 2016. Final grant applications are due April 1, 2016. Prince William County will apply for $60,000 of services under the planning category.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The TLC grant application endorsement has no fiscal impact. Prince William County is the primary applicant and would be responsible for coordination with VRE while executing the project.
WHEREAS, the Council of Governments/Transportation Planning Board has issued a solicitation for projects to the Fiscal Year 2017 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board’s Transportation Land-Use Connections program; and,

WHEREAS, Prince William County is a local jurisdiction in the Metropolitan Washington region that is a member of the Transportation Planning Board, and is therefore an eligible entity to apply to the program; and,

WHEREAS, Prince William County intends to submit an application for technical assistance to develop a plan to improve connectivity around future VRE stations along the Gainesville-Haymarket Extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby endorse the grant application being submitted by Prince William County to the Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation Land-Use Connections program.

Approved this 18th day of March 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary