To: Chairman Smedberg and the VRE Operations Board  
From: Doug Allen  
Date: December 15, 2017  
Re: Authorization to Execute an Agreement with Amtrak to Conduct Ground Surveys for the Midday Storage Facility Project

**Recommendation:**

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) allowing collection of ground surveys for a midday storage facility in an estimated amount of $278,881, plus a 10% contingency of $27,888, for a total not to exceed of $306,769.

**Summary:**

This item provides an agreement with Amtrak to provide access, flagging, and other support activities during the collection of field data in support of the proposed Midday Storage Replacement Facility.

**Background:**

VRE’s equipment is currently stored during middays in or around the Ivy City Complex in Washington DC. The space currently used by VRE will be used by Amtrak for their new high-speed equipment, which is on order and expected by 2021. VRE, in collaboration with Amtrak, is developing a midday storage replacement facility site for its rolling stock north of Washington Union Station between the Northeast Corridor and New York Avenue NE. As part of project development, VRE is refining initial conceptual designs by conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies as authorized by VRE Operations Board resolution #9B-07-2017.

This agreement will allow VRE’s contractor to conduct ground surveys so that further design of a preferred layout can continue through the project development process. Amtrak will provide flagging and other support activities during the collection of field data.
**Fiscal Impact:**

This project is included in VRE’s Capital Improvement Program under Equipment Storage with funds drawn from VRE’s FY 2017 Federal 5307 funds.
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WHEREAS, VRE’s equipment is currently stored during middays in or around the Ivy City Complex; and,

WHEREAS, the space currently used by VRE will be used by Amtrak for their new high-speed equipment, which is on order and expected by 2021; and,

WHEREAS, VRE in collaboration with Amtrak is developing a midday storage replacement facility site for rolling stock north of Washington Union Station between the Northeast Corridor and New York Avenue NE; and,

WHEREAS, as part of project development, VRE is refining initial conceptual designs by conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies as authorized by VRE Operations Board resolution #9B-07-2017; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement will allow VRE’s contractor to conduct ground surveys so that further design of a preferred layout can continue through the project development process; and,

WHEREAS, Amtrak will provide flagging and other support activities during the collection of field data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) allowing collection of ground surveys for a midday storage facility in an estimated amount of $278,881, plus a 10% contingency of $27,888, for a total not to exceed of $306,769.

Approved this 15th day of December 2017

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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Katie Cristol
Secretary