To:
Chairman Smedberg and the VRE Operations Board

From:
Doug Allen

Date:
December 15, 2017

Re:
VRE Operations Board Resolution of Support for Prince William County's Application for Route 28 Corridor Improvements Funding for NVTA FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to support Prince William County’s application for the Route 28 Corridor Improvements (Fitzwater Drive to Pennsylvania Avenue) project for funding consideration in the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2023 Six Year Program (SYP).

Summary:

NVTA issued a Call for Projects for its FY 2018-2023 SYP on October 4, 2017. Applications are due at 12:00 Noon on December 15, 2017. NVTA requires resolutions of support for project applications by the governing body of the submitting jurisdiction or agency. Prince William County staff have asked for a resolution of support from the VRE Operations Board as an interested stakeholder in the project. This request will provide funding to widening Route 28, including providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities, between Fitzwater Drive and Pennsylvania Avenue near the VRE Broad Run station.

Background:

To be eligible for NVTA SYP funding, a project must be included in TransAction, the NVTA’s long-range transportation plan for northern Virginia. The VRE Manassas Line Rail Capacity Enhancements project (TransAction Project ID 300) increases VRE frequencies to 20 minutes in the peak period and includes the following related infrastructure components:
- Construct track capacity enhancements (including modification or expansion of track, signals, bridges, structures, etc.) from Alexandria/AF to Manassas Line terminus, including existing Broad Run VRE station
- Purchase additional rolling stock in support of eight-car trains and peak service improvements (TIP reflects purchases for eight-car trains in peak hour, additional needed beyond CLRP commitment
- Construct/expand VRE equipment storage and maintenance facilities in Manassas and midday storage in Washington, DC
- Construct station/platform, parking and multimodal access improvements at VRE Manassas Line stations, including expansion of existing Broad Run VRE station/parking/multimodal access
- Improve information sharing through ITS/TSM enhancements for improved communications
- Rail improvements in support of I-81 / Route 29 Intercity Passenger Rail (DRPT/AMTRAK).

The Route 28 Corridor Improvements project will improve access to the VRE Broad Run station by widening the segment of Route 28 between Fitzwater Dr. and Pennsylvania Ave., including the provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, as a component of the VRE Manassas Line Rail Capacity Enhancements project. Prince William County will request funding from NVTA in the amount of $15,000,000 for construction of the proposed improvements. Concurrent with the expansion of Route 28, VRE will be advancing the expansion of the Broad Run station and maintenance and storage facility capacity. The two projects complement each other in support of future VRE growth.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The endorsement of the Prince William County NVTA project has no fiscal impact.
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WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill 2313 requires the NVTA to fund highway projects that have been both included in TransAction and evaluated for congestion relief and emergency evacuation by VDOT or mass transit capital projects that increase capacity; and,  

WHEREAS, NVTA has issued a Call for Projects to agencies and jurisdictions for consideration for funding with expected FY2018 through FY2023 revenues; and,  

WHEREAS, Prince William County plans to apply for funding in the amount of $15,000,000 for construction of the Route 28 Corridor Improvements (Fitzwater Drive to Pennsylvania Avenue) project; and,  

WHEREAS, the project will improve multimodal access to the VRE Broad Run station by widening the segment of Route 28 between Fitzwater Drive and Pennsylvania Avenue, including the provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, as a component of the VRE Manassas Line Rail Capacity Enhancements (TransAction Project ID 300); and,  

WHEREAS, Prince William County staff have requested a resolution of support for the project from the VRE Operations Board for inclusion with its application to NVTA;  

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby endorse and support Prince William County’s application for the Route 28 Corridor Improvements (Fitzwater Drive to Pennsylvania Avenue) for funding consideration in the NVTA FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program.  

Approved this 15th day of December 2017  

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Paul Smedberg  
Chairman  

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Katie Cristol  
Secretary