To: Chairman Smedberg and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Authorization to Issue an Invitation for Bids for the Purchase and Delivery of Replacement Locomotive Shock Absorbers

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the purchase and delivery of replacement locomotive shock absorbers for 20 locomotives.

Background:

Invitation for Bids is the preferred and normal method of procurement suitable when seeking bids to provide goods and services at a firm-fixed price. This method is utilized when there is a complete, adequate, precise specification or purchase description. Award is made on the basis of price alone without discussions or negotiations with the Bidders.

VRE locomotives are equipped with shock absorbers on each truck assembly to control lateral, vertical, and longitudinal movements of the locomotive. Over time, the shock absorbers have weakened, subsequently becoming less effective at controlling these movements and should be replaced. Authorization to issue this Invitation for Bids will allow for the purchase of the replacement shock absorbers.

The mechanical contractor will replace the shock absorbers as part of the on-going life cycle maintenance strategy.
**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided for in the FY 2017 and proposed FY 2018 CIP under the Equipment Asset Management Program, which is funded through an annual allocation of the FTA 5337 (State of Good Repair) grants.
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WHEREAS, Locomotives are equipped with shock absorbers to dampen and control lateral, vertical and longitudinal movements of the locomotive; and,

WHEREAS, the shock absorbers applied to the 20 locomotives are nearing the end of their useful life; and,

WHEREAS, this request to purchase and replace shock absorbers in FY 2017 aligns with the lifecycle maintenance plan established for locomotives; and,

WHEREAS, once the shock absorbers are received, the mechanical contractor will replace the shock absorbers on the locomotives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids for the purchase and delivery of replacement locomotive shock absorbers for 20 locomotives.

Approved this 27th day of January 2017

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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Katie Cristol
Secretary