To: Chairman Smedberg and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: May 19, 2017

Re: Authorization to Execute a Force Account Agreement with CSX Transportation for Design Review of Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a force account agreement with CSX Transportation for design review of improvements to Franconia-Springfield Station in an estimated amount of $85,000, plus a 10% contingency of $8,500, for a total not to exceed $93,500.

Background:

This Force Account Agreement will allow CSX Transportation (CSXT) to perform the required review of plans developed by VRE’s consultant for the Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements.

VRE is initiating platform improvement projects at five Fredericksburg Line stations (Franconia-Springfield, Lorton, Rippon, Brooke, and Leeland Road), which will improve safety, provide flexibility for railroad operations, and accommodate the ridership growth and longer trains proposed in System Plan 2040.

On July 15, 2016, the VRE Operations Board authorized the CEO to execute a contract with STV, Inc., of Fairfax, VA, to provide Engineering and Environmental Services for the five
Fredericksburg Line stations as part of the VRE Penta-Platform Corridor Improvement Project and a Notice to Proceed was issued on August 4, 2016. These preliminary engineering and environmental efforts have been coordinated with CSX as well as DRPT and their Atlantic Gateway Segment A third track project. In an effort for the Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements to stay ahead of the proposed Segment A design and construction schedules, STV is scheduled to have 30% preliminary engineering plans, along with environmental review accomplished by June 2017.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The platform improvements at the Franconia-Springfield VRE Station are included in the CIP, with funding provided through a project agreement with NVTA.
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WHEREAS, VRE has initiated platform improvements that will include Franconia-Springfield, Lorton, Rippon, Brooke and Leeland Road stations; and,

WHEREAS, second/lengthened platforms will enhance safety, expedite train operations, accommodate ridership growth, and provide flexibility for railroad operations; and,

WHEREAS, CSXT is required to review and approve the design of the improvements; and;

WHEREAS, a Force Account Agreement between CSXT and VRE is needed for CSXT to conduct a design review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a force account agreement with CSX Transportation for design review of improvements to Franconia-Springfield Station in an estimated amount of $85,000, plus a 10% contingency of $8,500, for a total not to exceed $93,500.

Approved this 19th day of May 2017

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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Katie Cristol
Secretary