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 Lorton Station Second Platform 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 Lorton Station Second Platform Improvements 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 Lorton Station Second Platform 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. The second platforms at Lorton, Rippon, Brooke, and Leeland Road are specified as improvements needed as a prerequisite for adding the new Potomac Shores Station in the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding, executed between CSXT, the Virginia
Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and VRE, and approved by the Commissions on July 10, 2014.

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 and the Lorton Station Second Platform 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 second platform at the Lorton VRE station is included in the CIP. Funding is provided through a project agreement with NVTA; federal and state CMAQ grants; and a state Mass Transit grant with match provided by Fairfax County.
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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, VRE has specifically committed through the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding with CSX Transportation and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to add second platforms at Lorton, Rippon, Brooke, and Leeland Road stations; 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 Lorton Station Second Platform Improvements 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