Agenda Item 9-I
Action Item

To: Chairman Smedberg and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: September 15, 2017
Re: Authorization to Execute a Force Account Agreement with CSX Transportation for Construction of the Slaters Lane Crossover

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a force account agreement with CSX Transportation for construction of the Slaters Lane Crossover in an estimated amount of $2,107,942, plus a 10% contingency of $210,794, for a total not to exceed of $2,318,736.

Summary:

This item provides a force account agreement with CSX Transportation (CSXT) to construct a new crossover at Slaters Lane Interlocking in the City of Alexandria to permit VRE trains to use Track 1 (Eastern most track) through Alexandria Union Station, which will add operational flexibility and reliability for passenger and freight trains passing through the station area. The crossover is a requirement under the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), executed between CSXT, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and VRE.

Background:

This Force Account Agreement allows CSXT to construct a new crossover previously designed by CSXT for the Slaters Lane Interlocking.

VRE has initiated a series of improvement projects at Alexandria Station to eliminate an at-grade pedestrian crossing of the tracks, improve access under the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, provide a direct connection to Metro, and permit passenger trains
on Track 1 to stop safely at the station. The latter improvement will add operational flexibility and reliability for passenger and freight trains passing through the station. The crossover is a requirement under the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project MOU, executed between CSXT, DRPT, and VRE, and approved by the Commissions on July 10, 2014.

Slaters Lane Interlocking is located at Milepost CFP 106.3 on the CSXT RF&P Secondary in the City of Alexandria. It presently consists of a crossover from Track 3 to Track 2. An additional crossover is needed from Track 2 to Track 1 along with associated signal improvements so passenger trains on any track north of Slaters Lane can stop on Track 1 at Alexandria Union Station.

CSXT has designed the track and signal modifications at Slaters Lane using their own engineering forces and will also construct the improvements with their own forces. CSX has provided VRE with a cost estimate for the construction.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided through Northern Virginia Transportation Authority FY 2015 grants and is included in VRE’s Capital Improvement Program as part of the Alexandria Track 1 Access project.
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WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Corridor Improvement Project Memorandum of Understanding, between CSX Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and VRE dated July 10, 2014, requires improvements to the Slaters Lane Interlocking to provide passenger train access to Track 1 at Alexandria Station; and,

WHEREAS, completion of said improvements to Slaters Lane Interlocking will improve operational flexibility and reliability; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has provided funding for the said improvements in its FY 2015 program; and,

WHEREAS, this force account agreement will allow CSX Transportation to perform construction;

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 to construct the Slaters Lane/Alexandria Station Track 1 Access project in an amount of $2,107,942, plus a 10% contingency of $210,794, for a total amount not to exceed $2,318,736.

Approved this 15th day of September 2017

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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Katie Cristol
Secretary