To: Chairman Nohe and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

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Re: Transit Development Plan Update

Summary:

VRE has initiated an update of its Transit Development Plan (TDP) in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). This item provides an update of its purpose and progress to date.

Background:

DRPT requires VRE to update its TDP in accordance with their Transit Development Plan Minimum Requirements, dated February 2017, as a condition of receiving state funding. The TDP allows DRPT to better understand the needs, service changes, required funding, and priorities of local transit service providers and the level of state resources necessary to help meet near and long-term transit requirements throughout the Commonwealth.

VRE has initiated a major update of its TDP in accordance with DRPT requirements encompassing two timeframes:

- A six-year (FY 2020-2025) fiscally-constrained plan; and
- A ten-year (FY 2020-2029) fiscally-unconstrained plan forecasting longer-term capital and operating needs.

VRE’s last full TDP was produced in 2011 covering the six-year period from FY 2013 to FY 2018.
The TDP highlights projects and policies that would be prioritized in the next six years to implement the long-range vision of the VRE System Plan. The TDP provides an overview of all the major projects and initiatives, outlines VRE’s service needs, identifies service and capital improvements to meet those needs, and outlines a financial plan for the required resources.

The TDP update process was initiated with the development of an updated set of goals and objectives that align with the VRE mission statement. Performance measures and targets will be identified to record progress achieved towards the TDP goals due to the daily activities by VRE staff.

Two facilitated workshops with the staffs from VRE member jurisdictions and other regional stakeholder organizations are proposed during the TDP update. The first stakeholder workshop was held on February 28, 2018, to provide an overview of the VRE system, and gather feedback on the proposed goals and objectives. Comments were incorporated into the TDP. A second stakeholder workshop will promote a better understanding of VRE’s operations and capital projects, and fiscal needs.

The updated TDP is anticipated to be presented for adoption at the November 2018 meeting of the VRE Operations Board.