To: Chairman Nohe and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: June 15, 2018

Re: Authorization to Issue an Invitation for Bids for Construction of L’Enfant South Storage Track Wayside Power

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for wayside power construction at the L’Enfant South Storage Track.

Summary:

In coordination with CSX, VRE has converted a temporary track used by CSX during a construction project into a permanent storage track to store trainsets during the midday. Having wayside power available at the storage track will permit VRE to shut down the locomotives during layovers, saving fuel and reducing air quality impacts.

Background:

CSX built a temporary track near the VRE L’Enfant Station for use during a construction project, which they completed in 2017. With the temporary track no longer needed for CSX operations, they offered VRE the opportunity to convert the temporary track into a permanent storage track. VRE and CSX executed a construction agreement for track and signal for the L’Enfant North Storage Track that was later amended to include work to convert the temporary track into the L’Enfant South Storage Track. Work was completed in late 2017 on the conversion.
Having wayside power available at the storage track allows VRE to shut down the locomotives during layovers, saving fuel and reducing air quality impacts. Design for wayside power appliances was recently completed and VRE is ready to move forward with construction.

The selected construction contractor will provide the electrical service equipment, electrical distribution switchgear, wires and conduits, power pedestals, and civil engineering support.

IFB are the preferred and normal method of procurement 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 based on price alone without discussions or negotiations with the Bidders.

Upon receipt of the bids, staff will return to the Operations Board to request authorization to award the contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided through several federal formula grants (VA-90-X368, VA-05-0038, VA-90-X401) with accompanying state and local match.
WHEREAS, VRE has converted a CSX temporary track into a permanent storage track south of L’Enfant station; and,

WHEREAS, having wayside power available at the storage track will permit VRE to shut down the locomotives during layovers, saving fuel and reducing air quality impacts; and,

WHEREAS, design for wayside power appliances was recently completed and VRE is ready to move forward with construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids for L’Enfant South Wayside Power Construction.

Approved this 15th day of June 2018

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Martin Nohe
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary