To: Chair Cristol and the VRE Operations Board  
From: Doug Allen  
Date: June 21, 2019  
Re: Resolution of Support for Prince William County’s FY 2019 BUILD Transportation Grant Application for the Broad Run Commuter Lot Project

Recommendation:
The VRE Operations Board is asked to support and endorse the application by Prince William County to the FY 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program for the Broad Run Commuter Lot Project.

Summary:
The proposed Broad Run Commuter Lot is a key element of an expanded Broad Run Station and Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) complex at the western end of the VRE Manassas Line. The project consists of a surface parking lot, with approximately 600 parking spaces located on Residency Road just off the Virginia Route 28 corridor, north of existing VRE Broad Run Station and Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) and the Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) railroad tracks. Prince William County is pursuing BUILD grant funding for the additional station parking to supplement existing committed funding for the Broad Run Expansion (BRX) Project.

Background:
On April 23, 2019 the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity to solicit applications for the FY 2019 BUILD Transportation Grant program.
Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that demonstrate a significant local or regional impact. Applications are due on July 15, 2019.

The Broad Run Commuter Lot will be adjacent to the VRE Broad Run Station on the Manassas Line and, along with the new parking spaces, will include bicycle and pedestrian access as well as facilities to accommodate bus stops and allow for adequate bus circulation within the lot. A true multimodal transportation node, the project will allow commuters to bike, walk or drive to the commuter lot and join up with carpools/vanpools, access buses, or board VRE’s commuter rail service. The new commuter lot is located north of the NS tracks and will be connected to the VRE station platform via a pedestrian tunnel under the tracks.

The Broad Run Commuter Lot Project complements the current VRE BRX Project, which expands the VRE MSF storage capacity, constructs a third NS main track between the Broad Run complex and Wellington Rd., and modifies the Broad Run Station platform and parking south of the tracks. The BRX Project is part of the larger VRE Manassas Line Capacity Improvements Program that is increasing seating on trains and expanding stations, including the Manassas and Manassas Park.

Existing federal, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, state (REF and I-66 outside the Beltway concession fee), and VRE Capital Reserve funds have been committed to the BRX project. The BUILD grant application will supplement currently committed BRX funding for construction of the commuter parking lot.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact.
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WHEREAS, the proposed Broad Run Commuter Lot will consist of a surface parking lot with 600 spaces on Residency Road, just off the Virginia Route 28 corridor and north of the existing VRE Broad Run Station and the Norfolk Southern Railway railroad tracks, and is key to expanding both the station and Maintenance and Storage Facility complex at the western end of the VRE Manassas Line; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grants program on April 23, 2019 to solicit applications for competitive grants for projects demonstrating a significant local or regional impact; and,

WHEREAS, Prince William County is developing a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development program grant application for the construction of a commuter parking lot north of the NS tracks to supplement currently committed Broad Run Station and Maintenance and Storage Facility project funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby support and endorse the application by Prince William County to the FY2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Grants program for the Broad Run Commuter Lot Project.

Approved this 21st day of June 2019

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Katie Cristol
Chair

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John Cook
Secretary