To: Chair Cristol and the VRE Operations Board

From: Rich Dalton

Date: November 15, 2019

Re: Authorization to Issue an Invitation for Bids for Construction of Quantico Station Improvements

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Acting Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Construction of the Quantico Station Improvements.

Summary:

This resolution will authorize VRE to solicit bids for Construction of the Quantico Station Improvements.

Background:

CSX Transportation (CSXT), the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and VRE are collaborating to construct approximately 11 miles of third track between Arkendale and Powell’s Creek in Prince William County. VRE and DRPT are currently completing final design for the station improvements and corresponding third track modifications at the Quantico Station.

DRPT has requested that VRE solicit bids for and subsequently manage construction of the Quantico Station Improvements Project along with additional elements of work including: site/civil, track roadbed, ballast, and a retaining wall. DRPT has provided additional funding through the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital (IPROC) Fund grant for the Quantico Station Improvements to provide for the requested additional scope items.
The added scope elements will enhance safety and increase operational flexibility for CSXT, Amtrak and VRE trains, while accommodating both the federally funded third track project and the passenger improvements at Quantico.

An Invitation for Bids (IFB) is the preferred and normal method of procurement when soliciting the provision of 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.

The scope of work for the IFB shall include comprehensive construction of a new center platform between proposed track 2 and proposed track 3, stair/elevator towers, pedestrian bridge, extension of the existing platform along the east of proposed track 1, site/civil work, track roadbed, and retaining wall #13 for proposed track 3. CSXT will provide ballast and track installation, along with signal work, mainline tie-ins, and grade crossing installation at Potomac Avenue, as well as flagging protection services for the overall project and as needed for the station improvement project as part of the requirements and budget for the remaining Arkendale to Powell's Creek work for DRPT.

Construction is estimated to take approximately 18 months.

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

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for the Quantico Station Improvements Project is provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia through its IPROC and SMART SCALE programs, as noted in VRE’s approved FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
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Resolution
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Construction of Quantico Station Improvements

WHEREAS, CSX Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and VRE are collaborating to construct 11 miles of third track between Arkendale and Powell’s Creek in Prince William County; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation has requested VRE solicit bids for and subsequently manage construction of the Quantico Station Improvements Project with funding provided through their Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital and Smart Scale programs; and,

WHEREAS, additional scope elements were subsequently added to station elements of the project in the vicinity of Quantico Station in order to reduce the scope of the overall third track project and expedite its completion; and,

WHEREAS, final design is nearing completion and the need for procurement of construction services is forthcoming;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Acting Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids for Construction of Quantico Station Improvements.

Approved this 15th day of November 2019

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Katie Cristol
Chair

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John Cook
Secretary