



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS  
OPERATIONS BOARD

**Agenda Item 10-F**  
**Action Item**

**To: Chair Bohmke and the VRE Operations Board**

**From: Rich Dalton**

**Date: May 17, 2024**

**Re: Authorization to Issue a Program Management Consulting Services Task Order for Support for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project**

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**Recommendation:**

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Program Management Consulting Services (PMC) task order to Hill International, Inc. for support for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$426,368, plus a 10 percent contingency of \$42,637, for a total not to exceed \$469,005.

**Summary:**

Authorization will allow VRE to contract with Hill International, Inc. (Hill) for program management support services for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project (L'Enfant Project). Given the technical complexity as well as the involvement of multiple Federal and District of Columbia project review agencies on the L'Enfant Project, VRE wishes to supplement its project management capabilities with specialized expertise utilizing VRE's Program Management Consultant.

**Background:**

The L'Enfant Station plays a vital role in VRE's operations. It serves around 40% of VRE's ridership and accommodates commuter, passenger, and freight trains. The ongoing L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project aims to expand the capacity of VRE's L'Enfant Station to support anticipated future growth in VRE operations. The project is tailored to enhance the commuter experience at this station and to relieve a bottleneck hindering passenger and freight movement in a critical segment of the national rail network.



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The L'Enfant Project involves the design and construction of bridges, station platforms, signals, and tracks. Its goal is to create a fourth track between L'Enfant Interlocking and Control Point (CP) Virginia Interlocking in Southwest Washington, DC, expand the station's platform, and to add two ADA-accessible entrances. These upgrades will enable simultaneous boarding and alighting from two full-length VRE trains and provide sufficient rider circulation and waiting space.

While the L'Enfant Project is being designed independently, it remains an integral component of Virginia's Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) program, emphasizing the need for thorough oversight and coordination with adjacent projects. Because of the project's location in a confined space with surrounding federally owned lands and the potential impact on Hancock Park, it has garnered interest from various District of Columbia and Federal agencies. Therefore, with the engagement of multiple District of Columbia stakeholders, numerous Federal project review agencies, and the technical complexities associated with the L'Enfant project, comprehensive program-level management is imperative. Recognizing these complexities, VRE wishes to supplement its project management capabilities with specialized expertise by using its on-call Program Management Consulting Services contract, which was authorized for award by the Operations Board in February 2023 to Hill International, Inc. Hill will assist VRE with design oversight, design reviews, and preparation of procedures, methods, tools, and processes to consistently manage schedules, budgets, and the risks on the project.

Hill's scope of work for this task order specifically includes conducting constructability reviews, performing Third-Party Plan Reviews, reviewing NEPA and Section 106 documents, risk management, and program-level monitoring of the scope, cost, and schedule of the project throughout the NEPA/PE Phase up to the sixty percent (60%) level of design. Additionally, Hill will facilitate program-level and corridor-wide coordination of design work to ensure design integration, interface consistency, and constructability of the L'Enfant Project with other VRE-administered capital projects such as the Crystal City Station Improvements Project, Alexandria Station Improvements Project, and the VPRA-administered Long Bridge Project.

At VRE's request, Hill submitted a proposal to accomplish the required work described herein. The proposal submitted by Hill was reviewed and deemed to be responsive to all aspects required. VRE staff conducted a cost analysis, comparing Hill's proposal with an independent cost estimate, and determined the proposal to be fair and reasonable.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for VRE's L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project is currently provided through a combination of federal formula funds (with associated state and local match), Commuter Rail Operating and Capital (CROC) funds, and Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) capital funds. As the engineering and environmental review activities progress and the cost estimate for the project is refined, additional funding sources may be identified.

**Virginia Railway Express  
Operations Board Resolution**

**10F-05-2024**

**Authorization to Issue a Program Management Consulting Services  
Task Order for Support for the L'Enfant Track and Station  
Improvements Project**

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2023, the VRE Operations Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute a task order contract with Hill International, Inc. (Hill) for program management consulting services; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2023, the VRE Operations Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) for Engineering and Environmental Services for VRE L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Study and Preliminary Engineering efforts for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project are being advanced to thirty percent design, and VRE wishes to employ Hill International, Inc. to render program management support to ensure the project's design packages are seamlessly integrated and collaborated with adjacent projects being designed and constructed by VRE and VPRA within the intercity railroad corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, VRE has received a proposal from Hill International, Inc. to provide program management support for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project and staff has deemed the proposal fair and reasonable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Program Management Consulting Services (PMC) task order to Hill International, Inc. for support for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$426,368, plus a 10 percent contingency of \$42,637, for a total not to exceed \$469,005.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

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Meg Bohmke  
Chair

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Ralph Smith  
Secretary