

**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION**

**MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-\_\_\_\_  
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

**SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR A PARKING EXPANSION  
AT THE BROOKE VRE STATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and Stafford County have been working to develop a parking expansion at the Brooke VRE station; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Assessment identified a surface expansion to the south of the existing lot as the preferred alternative; and

**WHEREAS**, the parcels proposed for purchase constitute the land required to complete this expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute a purchase agreement for two property parcels at 1717 Brooke Road in Stafford for the parking expansion at the Brooke VRE station as well as all documents necessary to acquire the property.

**AGENDA ITEM 11-B**  
**ACTION ITEM**

**TO: CHAIRMAN MILDE AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD**

**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**

**DATE: JANUARY 15, 2010**

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR A PARKING  
EXPANSION AT THE BROOKE VRE STATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to recommend that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a purchase agreement for two property parcels at 1717 Brooke Road in Stafford for the parking expansion at the Brooke VRE station as well as all related documents necessary to complete the acquisition.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over the past year, VRE and Stafford County have been working to develop a parking expansion at the Brooke VRE station. VRE hired a consultant to complete a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) which was submitted to FTA for review on October 27, 2009. The report identified a surface expansion to the south of the existing lot as the preferred alternative. The parcels proposed for purchase constitute the land required to complete this expansion.

Over the last year, the property owner experienced financial hardship and other difficulties associated with ownership of this property. The property was slated to fall into foreclosure and an auction was scheduled for January 12, 2010. VRE worked with FTA to receive an expedited Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for the advanced use of federal funding. FTA also provided an Environmental Categorical Exclusion letter to allow for immediate property acquisition. On January 8, 2010, the FTA authorized VRE to acquire the property for the approved appraisal amount of \$500,000.

VRE subsequently submitted an offer to the property owner with contingencies; including Operations Board and Commission approval by February 11, 2010. Once the property is acquired, VRE will continue to work with FTA to finalize environmental and property acquisition documents and begin final design.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this property acquisition is being provided using FY 2009 and FY 2010 CMAQ grants. Currently available funds in this grant total \$125,000. An additional \$950,000 has been approved for the project and has been applied for. Receipt of these funds is expected in March. As such, VRE will use working capital in the interim.