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Agenda item # New Business 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 19, 2008

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Bowie Seconded By: Mr. Keen Action: Motion Carried Unanimously

**TITLE: Revised Location Approval Hawks Nest Section – Coalfields Expressway
in Buchanan County
(amending Action of March 18, 2004)**

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2000 the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the proposed location of the Coalfields Expressway (CFX) from Route 23 (at Pound), to the West Virginia State line, in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties (State Project R000-961-101, PE-100):

- (i) The mainline location as segments 159, 118a, 160a, 153a, 158, 108a, 161a, 154, 115, 214, 205, 206, 207, 238a, 303a, and 302, with an extensive effort being made during the design of the Expressway to minimize impacts to the Harman community;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a and major design features of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, from the proposed U.S. 460 Connector interchange west of Bull Gap to the U. S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction, State Project (FO) 0121-013-101, PE-101, Federal Project APD-121-1 (001) as proposed and presented at the Combined Location and Design Public Hearing; and

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WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board designated the Coalfields Expressway Section A as a Limited Access Highway between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board prohibited, pedestrian, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof from using the Coalfields Expressway route between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction in the interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2006 the Department entered into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Pioneer Group, Incorporated and Alpha Natural Resources, Limited Liability Corporation, to develop the CFX corridor utilizing a “coal-synergy” concept, which required a revision to the existing alignment; and

WHEREAS, the Department will present to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for its approval the revised alignment to take advantage of the “coal-synergy” concept in accordance with all appropriate federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a Combined Location and Design Public Hearing was held on May 13, 2008 at the Russell Prater Elementary School in Buchanan County between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the proposed location for the Hawks Nest Section – Coalfields Expressway in Buchanan County, from the proposed Route 460 Connector to State Route 614 to the east; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the proposed project as presented, and their statements being duly recorded; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed; and

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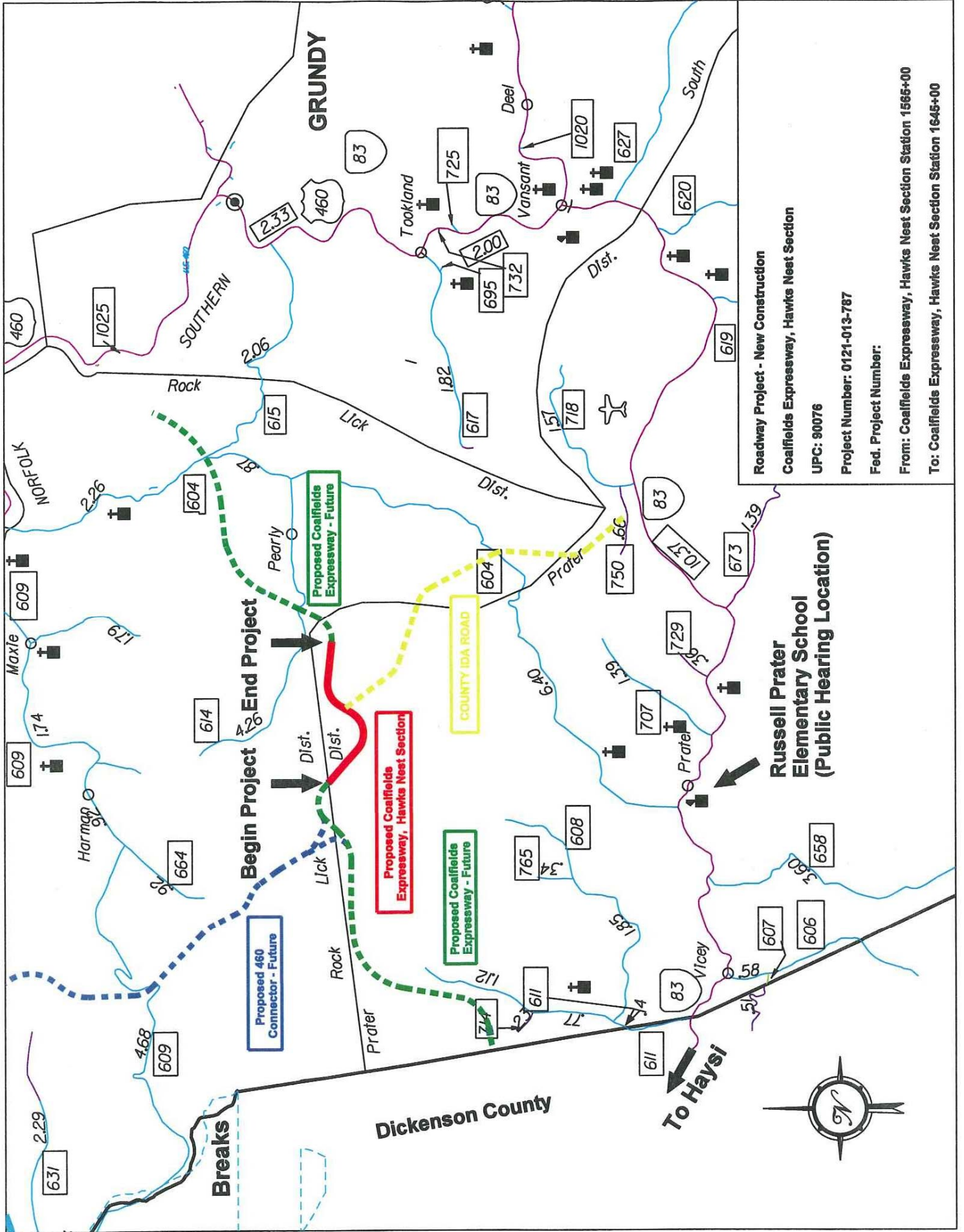
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the March 18, 2004 approval for, the revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a, and major design features of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, the Limited Access designation between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction and the prohibition of pedestrians, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof from using the Coalfields Expressway Section A is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the location of the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway is approved on new alignment, from the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway Stations 1565+00 and 1645+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing and indicated on the attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway is designated as a Limited Access Highway, between the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway Stations 1565+00 and 1645+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the interest of public safety, pedestrian, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof is prohibited from using the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway between the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway Stations 1565+00 and 1645+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

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Roadway Project - New Construction
 Coalfields Expressway, Hawks Nest Section
 UPC: 90076
 Project Number: 0121-013-787
 Fed. Project Number:
 From: Coalfields Expressway, Hawks Nest Section Station 1566+00
 To: Coalfields Expressway, Hawks Nest Section Station 1645+00

