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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 17, 2009

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Pandak Seconded By: Mr. Layne Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Addition of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Projects Identified by Metropolitan Planning Organizations to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010-2015

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-12 (9)(b) of the *Code of Virginia*, requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program of anticipated projects and programs and requires further that the Program shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and,

WHEREAS, based on an updated revenue forecast the Board adopted a Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2015 on June 18, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, there are ARRA funds available, if requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the ARRA includes certain requirements with regard to obligation of these funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has received a total highway allocation of \$694,460,823 pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted the FY2010-2015 Six-Year Improvement Program on June 18, 2009, including projects to be considered for ARRA funding; and,

WHEREAS, \$117,803,558 of the total highway allocation to the Commonwealth from ARRA funds is suballocated to the state's metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) that are eligible to receive Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds; and,

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WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area MPO, Richmond MPO, Tri-Cities MPO, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, and Transportation Planning Board, in consultation with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, are coordinating with VDOT to identify projects to receive their suballocation of ARRA funding and be added to Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010-2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that these projects are appropriate for the efficient movement of people and freight and, therefore, for the common good of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, the Board delegated authority to the VDOT Commissioner to update the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010-2015 to include projects recommended jointly by VDOT and the aforementioned MPOs for consideration for ARRA funding so that the process of vetting and establishing the projects could proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the addition to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010-2015 of the attached list of projects identified by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization , Tri-Cities MPO, Richmond MPO, and Transportation Planning Board, in consultation with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, to receive their suballocation of ARRA funding is ratified.

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