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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By:Mr. Sterling Seconded By: Mr. Rich Action:Motion Carried

Title: Policy for Selection of Transportation Enhancement Projects

WHEREAS, the federal Surface Transportation Act (currently SAFETEA-LU) provides for a statewide Transportation Enhancement Program, using federal Surface Transportation Program funds and state and local matching funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (the Board) shall approve the selection of projects to be allocated Transportation Enhancement Program funds on an annual basis and in accordance with §33.1-12(5) of the Code of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed a desire to revise the current selection policy so as to address high priority statewide initiatives and focus financial resources on the timely completion of existing projects; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposed policy changes, the Board believes the policy for selection of Transportation Enhancement projects should be adopted as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby rescinds its previous Enhancement Projects Selection policy adopted on November 19, 2009 and adopts the following policy and criteria governing the selection of Transportation Enhancement Program projects:

1. The Board shall set aside \$4 million annually from the Transportation Enhancement Program funds for high priority statewide initiatives. The Secretary of Transportation will determine the allocation of these set aside funds. The Board shall allocate the remaining funds, between District members and At-Large members with 75% of the available

- allocation being allocated to District members and 25% allocated collectively to the At-Large members.
2. Funds allocated to the District members shall be apportioned equally among the nine (9) construction districts. The Board members representing the nine (9) construction districts shall select their projects first before At-Large members allocate remaining funds.
 3. Funds allocated collectively to the At-large members will focus on projects of regional significance and completing funding of projects selected by District members. The Secretary and At-Large members will collectively prioritize the allocation of these funds.
 4. All projects selected must be completed within four (4) years of the date of the grant availability (typically October 1 of each year), unless specifically exempted by the District CTB member or the Secretary if it is a statewide project.
 5. All projects selected by the Board shall receive not less than 50% of the amount of Transportation Enhancement Program funds requested in the application. In addition, all projects selected by the Board will be fully funded to the requested Transportation Enhancement Program amount, if that amount is \$200,000 or less and such amount is all that is required to complete the project.
 6. For projects to be implemented in FY2012; limit application submissions to existing projects.
 7. The Board approves the Transportation Enhancement Program De-allocation, Project Transfer, and Inactive Project Process dated December 8, 2010 and attached hereto to guide the Department's efforts in ensuring funds are effectively utilized within the established timeframes.

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