

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item 12

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2010

MOTION

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

<u>Title: Reallocation of Rail Enhancement Fund to Aid the Development of Richmond-Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Corridor</u>

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the preferred alternative for the Richmond-Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Corridor to run alongside Route 460; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2011 Six-Year Improvement Program includes Rail Enhancement Fund allocations to the Richmond-Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Corridor in the amount of \$93.04M in fiscal years 2011-2014, of which \$39M was allocated for FY2011; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT identified additional previous SYIP allocations awarded to Norfolk Southern in the amount of \$47.418M that are available for reallocation to aid the development of the Richmond-Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Corridor, as detailed in the attachment to this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, using funds reallocated from projects awarded to Norfolk Southern will expedite the development of the Richmond-Hampton Roads Corridor and move the completion date from mid-FY2014 to at least early FY2013; and,

WHEREAS, the said Norfolk Southern projects will be completed in FY2012, FY2013, and FY2014, pending availability of funds and CTB approval of the Rail Enhancement Fund allocations in the Six-Year Improvement Programs, as shown in the attachment to this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Southern projects identified for reallocation have been stalled due to legal or administrative issues, and reallocating funds will not cause detrimental delay to work being done; and,

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WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Railway has agreed to the proposed changes and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation will enter into agreement with Norfolk Southern for the reallocated projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the reallocation of Rail Enhancement Fund projects to expedite the development of Richmond-Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Corridor, as shown in the attachment to this resolution.