

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 16, 2011 MOTION

<u>Made By:</u> Mr. Sterling <u>Seconded By</u>: Mr. Koelemay <u>Action:</u> Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Location Approval for the Maryland Transportation Authority's Governor Nice Bridge Improvement Project, Dahlgren, King George County</u>

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Maryland Transportation Authority conducted public hearings on September 17, and 24, 2009 in Newburg, Maryland and Dahlgren, Virginia, respectively on the results for the detailed studies for six build alternates for the Nice Bridge Improvement Project, each of which provided 4-travel lanes on U.S. 301 highway crossing the Potomac River; and,

WHEREAS, upon consideration of comments from the public, elected officials, environmental agencies, and affected property owners received during the public hearing comment period, the Maryland Transportation Authority identified Modified Alternate 7 as the Preferred Alternate for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Nice Bridge Improvement Project was documented in a Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and approved by the Federal Highway Administration July 30, 2009; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commonwealth Transportation Board does hereby agree and support the location for the Maryland Transportation Authority's identified Preferred Alternate, Modified Alternate 7, for the Nice Bridge Improvement Project.