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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 16, 2011

MOTION

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

**Title: Limited Access Control Changes (LACC),
Interstate 95, Washington Boulevard (Route 27) at Columbia Pike (Route 244) Interchange
Arlington National Cemetery Facilities Maintenance Complex Phase II Project
Arlington County**

WHEREAS, Route 350 (Shirley Memorial Highway) was designated as a limited access highway by the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), on August 24, 1944; and,

WHEREAS, Route 350 (Shirley Memorial Highway) was subsequently renumbered to Interstate 95; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Project 0095-000-101, RW-201 between the Arlington County Line and the Potomac River in Arlington County, the Washington Boulevard (Route 27) and Columbia Pike (Route 244) Interchange, being a portion of said project was designated as a Limited Access Highway by the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the CTB, on October 4, 1956; and,

WHEREAS, in connection with the said Interstate, State Highway Projects 0095-000-101, RW-201, and 0095-000-103, RW-201, and the Pentagon Roadway Network, the Commonwealth acquired certain lands, and perpetual and limited access control easements from various landowners; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (hereinafter COE) has contracted for the construction of a project for improvements to the Arlington National Cemetery known as Facilities Maintenance Complex Phase II; and,

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WHEREAS, portions of the proposed construction fall within the right-of-way and limited access lines of the Washington Boulevard (Route 27) and Columbia Pike (Route 244) interchange; and,

WHEREAS, the COE has submitted a request for Limited Access Control Changes (LACC) consisting of a lateral shift of the current limited access control only to exclude the proposed perimeter security wall and grading for the said project from being within the limited access easement of the said interchange; and,

WHEREAS, the CTB approved granting the COE a permit to begin construction of the proposed perimeter security wall and grading within the limited access control on an at-risk basis on July 14, 2010, and indicated intent to approve future LACC pending completion and receipt of the detailed documentation for submission of the proposed LACC request; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Virginia (NoVa) District staff have received and reviewed the detailed documentation for the said lateral shift of the current limited access control and determined the features of the proposed construction will not adversely affect highway safety or operations, nor conflict with any planned or anticipated highway improvement, and recommended approval of the said proposed shift; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined that as the said proposed LACC is to accommodate a Federal project with no changes in the operation of the highway system occurring, and that the said wall location and proposed design will accommodate the Arlington National Cemetery Wall Trail, which has been coordinated with and included in the Arlington County Master plan, no further documentation of locality support is required for the said request; and,

WHEREAS, the COE has identified and requested LACC consisting of a southeast shift of the limited access control, as shown on the plans for State Highway Project 0095-000-101, RW-201, located adjacent to Ramp BC of the Washington Boulevard (Route 27) and Columbia Pike (Route 244) Interchange between southbound Washington Boulevard (Route 27) and westbound Columbia Pike (Route 244) beginning at a point 70.81 feet opposite Station 18+56.55 (Ramp BC baseline), thence to a point 34.18 feet opposite Station 19+14.72 (Ramp BC baseline), thence to a point 30.29 feet opposite Station 19+35.76 (Ramp BC baseline), thence to a point 29.88 feet opposite Station 20+87.48 (Ramp BC baseline), thence to a point 29.20 feet opposite Station 21+97.29 (Ramp BC baseline), thence to a point 23.70 feet opposite Station 23+19.78 (Ramp BC baseline), thence to a point 19.89 feet opposite Station 28+0.88 (Ramp BC baseline) being the terminus of limited access control along the said ramp; and,

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WHEREAS, public notices were posted in the *Washington Post* newspaper on July 9, and 14, 2010; and the *District Chronicles* newspaper on July 15, 2010, and closed on July 20, 2010, with no comment received; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have determined that the said LACC is appropriate from a design standpoint, as the said proposed LACC does not impact the operation of any highway system; and,

WHEREAS, an environmental analysis was prepared and reviewed, and VDOT has determined there will be no adverse environmental impacts resulting from the LACC, and an Air Quality Conformity Review is not warranted; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined that with the said proposed LACC being for accommodation of a Federal project with no changes in the operation of the highway system occurring as a result, the Global Traffic Analysis is not applicable; and,

WHEREAS, the District Administrator for VDOT's NoVa District has reviewed the staff recommendations for the proposed LACC, and supports the request; and,

WHEREAS, all costs of any plans, or engineering and construction of any safety improvements as determined necessary by VDOT will be borne by the COE; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined that any just compensation due in consideration of the proposed LACC will be made for a consideration satisfactory to the State Director, Right of Way and Utilities Division; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed LACC is in compliance with Title 24, Section 30, Chapter 401 of the Virginia Administrative Code; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion and acceptance of construction to include any safety improvements resulting from the proposed LACC, as determined necessary by VDOT, any work, construction, improvements and equipment relating to the roadway shall become or remain the property of the Commonwealth and any work, construction, improvements and equipment relating to the said Arlington National Cemetery Project will become or remain the property of the Arlington National Cemetery.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the CTB finds and concurs with the determinations made by VDOT for Global Traffic Analysis, Air Quality Conformity Review and locality support; and in accordance with the provisions of Section 33.1-58 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the CTB hereby approves the said LACC as set forth herein and subject to Title 24, Section 30, Chapter 401 of the Virginia Administrative Code and the above referred to conditions. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents needed to comply with this resolution.

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