

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #13

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 18, 2012

MOTION

<u>Made By</u>: Mr. Martin <u>Seconded By</u>: Mr. Layne <u>Action:</u> Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Project Location and Proposed Limited Access Control Changes (LACC) for</u> <u>Interstate 81and Route 220 (Exit 150) Interchange,</u> <u>Access Management Improvement Project, Botetourt County</u>

WHEREAS, in accordance with §33.1-18 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a combined Location and Design Hearing was held at the Lord Botetourt High School, in Daleville, Virginia on Thursday, March 8, 2012, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering proposed State Highway Project 0081-011-120, P-102, R-202, C-502; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Project involves access management improvements and location of the new Gateway Crossing roadway, and begins 0.15 miles north of Route 1039 on the Route 220 Alternate, and ends 0.50 miles south of Route 653 on Route 220, with a length of 1.65 miles; and,

WHEREAS, the said Project improvements consist of realigning the I-81 NB entrance ramp; and the construction of a roundabout at the Route 11/I-81 NB ramps intersection; and improvements to the Route 11/Route 220 intersection; and shifting and/ or establishing limited access control along Route 11 from the Route 220 intersection to north of the I-81 northbound ramp's intersections with the said roundabout; 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,

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WHEREAS, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has endorsed the project as presented at that public hearing by a resolution passed at their regular board meeting on April 24, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, this project is in compliance with NEPA requirements based on the findings set forth in the draft Environmental Assessment; and,

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been duly examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed; and,

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1956, the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, designated the Interstate Highway System to be limited access highways and in accordance with §33.1-58, of the *Code of Virginia*, (1950), as amended, established that the Limited Access Line locations and limits shall be as shown on the final engineering plans for the original highway project construction on the interstates, including I-81; and,

WHEREAS, the 1984 interchange modification for I-81, Project 0081-011-111, RW-201, C-501, changed the Limited Access Control and Right of Way lines, in accordance with the design plans for the said Project; and,

WHEREAS, the FHWA has provided the requisite approval for State Highway Project 0081-011-120, P-102, R-202, C-502, and the proposed LACC; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §33.1-12(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, (1950), as amended, the location of this project is approved as presented at the said combined Location and Design Hearing by the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the CTB, that the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein and directs that the I-81 and Route 220 (Exit 150) interchange continue to be designated as a Limited Access Highway with the Limited Access Control being modified from the current locations as follows:

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That the existing limited access control line along the south side of Route 220 be shifted to the south, from Route 220 construction baseline Station 14+24.55 and continuing to Route 11 construction baseline Station 14+89.62; and, that the limited access control line be extended along Route 11 northward from the Route 220 and Route 11 intersection, from Route 11 baseline Station 18+11.92, to the intersection of the I-81 northbound exit ramp at Route 11, Route 11 baseline Station 27+30.70; and, that the limited access control line on the north side of the intersection of the I-81 exit / entrance Ramps and Route 11 be shifted and extended northward along the west side of Route 11, from approximate Route 11 baseline Station 31+95 to approximate Route 11 baseline Station 33+95; and, that the existing limited access control line along the east side of the I-81 northbound entrance Ramp be shifted further to the east, from I-81 northbound Ramp baseline Station 16+60.73 and extending to Station 24+58.42. The Commissioner of Highways is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement such changes.

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