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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 20, 2013

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Garczynski Seconded By: Ms. Fisher
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Modification of the November 17, 2005, Location Approval
for the Tri-County Parkway Project in Prince William and Loudoun Counties and
Recognition of the Intent to Abandon Portions of Route 234 Transecting the Manassas
National Battlefield Park as part of the Tri-County Parkway Project.**

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Parkway location study was documented in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and approved by the Federal Highway Administration March 16, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2005, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board), gave approval for location of the Tri-County Parkway (TCP), designating the West Two Alternative as the preferred location for the facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Putnam-Patton House/Deseret has been identified within the West Two Alternative corridor and in accordance with 23 CFR 774.11(e), the Putnam-Patton House/Deseret is afforded protection as a historic site recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with 23 CFR 774.3(a)(2), an avoidance alternative has been developed that shifts approximately 6700 linear feet of the West Two Alternative up to 800 feet west in the vicinity of the Putnam-Patton House/Deseret to avoid use of the historic property; and,

WHEREAS, the TCP corridor overlaps with the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass corridor in the vicinity of Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBFP) and Manassas Battlefield Historic District (MBHD), from I-66 at US 29 and Pageland Lane to the intersection with Route 234 at Catharpin; and,

Resolution of the Board

Modification of the November 17, 2005, Location Approval for the Tri-County Parkway Project in Prince William and Loudoun Counties and Recognition of the Intent to Abandon Portions of Route 234 Transecting the Manassas National Battlefield Park as part of the Tri-County Parkway Project.

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WHEREAS, since this overlap section serves the same purpose and will serve the same citizens as that of Route 234 currently transecting through the MNBP the abandonment and closure of portions of Route 234 should be considered as a part of the TCP project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the previously approved West Two Alternative be modified in the vicinity of the Putnam-Patton House/Deseret property as described above and shown on the attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall take whatever action is required for the abandonment of portions of Route 234 transecting the MNBP as part of the TCP project and that such abandonment will occur upon the completion and opening to traffic that portion of the TCP between Route 66 and the proposed intersection with existing Route 234 near Catharpin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that the Commissioner intends to enter into an agreement to declare certain portions of Route 234 transecting the MNBP abandoned upon completion of the portion of the TCP described above, pursuant to his authority granted by § 33.1-148 of the Code of Virginia, and in accordance with that same agreement, to convey the existing Route 234 real property interest in the abandoned sections to the National Park Service

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