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Agenda item # 8

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 16, 2014

MOTION

Made By: Ms. DeTuncq, Seconded By: Mr. Martin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Rescinding Location and Design Approval, State Highway System (Primary)
Addition, and Limited Access Control Designation
Route 29 Bypass
From 0.7 miles N. Route 250, To 0.5 miles N. Rivanna River (Charlottesville's By-Pass)
Albemarle County**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), by resolutions dated November 15, 1990 and December 19, 1991 approved the location of a new highway to be known as Route 29 Bypass and subsequently, by resolutions dated January 16, 1992 and February 16, 1995, approved the major design features for said proposed highway and directed that advance right of way acquisitions could occur; and,

WHEREAS, the CTB, by resolution dated April 17, 1997 approved the major design features of said proposed highway based on a design presented at a public hearing held on February 25, 1997 for State Highway Project 6029-002-F22, RW-201, RW-202, designated said highway as a Limited Access Highway in accordance with the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, and CTB policies, and added this 6.24 mile section of proposed highway to the Primary System of Highways as Route 29 Bypass; and,

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 18, 2014, to the Commissioner of Highways, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) advised that, based on a review of the Revised Environmental Assessment for the Route 29 Bypass, further study and evaluations would be required in order for the proposed highway project to proceed as planned; and,

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WHEREAS, in response to the letter from FHWA, an advisory panel was established to find a reasonable, cost-effective solution to improve mobility in the Rt. 29 corridor, and the panel presented its findings and recommendations to the CTB at its May 14, 2014 meeting in a presentation entitled, "Route 29 Advisory Panel Meetings, Corridor Solution Recommendation" (Route 29 Advisory Panel Presentation); and,

WHEREAS, the CTB, by resolution dated June 18, 2014 approved the Six-Year Improvement Program and Rail and Public Transportation Allocations for Fiscal Years 2015 – 2020, which included the transfer of the remaining funding from the Route 29 Bypass project to the projects included in the "Route 29 Advisory Panel Meetings, Corridor Solution Recommendation".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, having considered the February 18, 2014 letter from FHWA and the Route 29 Advisory Panel Presentation, that all previous resolutions of this Board related to the location and design of the aforementioned proposed Route 29 Bypass are hereby rescinded, designation of the aforementioned proposed highway as a Limited Access Highway is rescinded, and this 6.24 mile section of proposed highway is removed from the State Highway System.

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