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Agenda item: New Business 1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 14, 2015

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Whitworth, Seconded By: Mr. Fralin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Transfer of Funds to Route 277 Widen to 5 Lanes Project (UPC 18003) for the FY15-20 Six-Year Improvement Program

WHEREAS, § 33.2-214(B) of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) of anticipated projects and programs. On November 12, 2014, a resolution was approved to allocate funds for the Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 SYIP; and

WHEREAS, in preparation to implement a new prioritization process required under § 33.2-214.1, \$416 million was removed from more than 60 projects in the Revised FY 2015-2020 SYIP which did not meet the criteria for an exemption as set forth in § 33.2-214.1. One such project impacted by these adjustments is the Route 277 roadway widening project (UPC 18003) in Frederick County ("Project"). The Project is currently funded through the preliminary engineering phase; and

WHEREAS, this Project is deemed critical to provide additional traffic capacity, improve operational safety, and improve the connectivity of the regional roadway system and is one of Frederick County's and the WinFred Metropolitan Planning Organization's top transportation priorities; and

WHEREAS, partial funding for purchase of right-of-way by fiscal year 2016 is necessary to preserve the corridor for this Project and bring the Project to the next logical stopping point; and

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WHEREAS, surplus allocations from projects currently underway or completed in Staunton District have been identified and transfers of the surplus allocations are proposed to provide partial funding for right-of-way acquisition for the Project, which is the next major milestone for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has granted the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee, the authority to transfer up to ten percent of funds allocated to a project to another eligible project(s) to meet the Board's statutory requirements and policy goals; and

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to § 33.2-214.1 and while the proposed transfers represent less than ten percent of the funds allocated to the donor projects, the Commissioner of Highways is seeking approval of the Board prior to taking any action to record or award the transfers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented a list of the proposed transfers attached to this resolution and agrees that the transfers are appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the attached list of transfer requests of the funds allocated to the donor projects is approved and the specified funds shall be transferred to the Project as set forth in the attached list to meet the Board's statutory requirements and policy goals.

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