



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item # 10*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 15, 2015

#### MOTION

Made By: Mr. Garczynski, Seconded By: Mr. Williams  
Action: Motion Carried

**Title: Delegation to the Commissioner of Highways or His Designee(s) Authority to Execute Agreements on Behalf of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) with U. S. Governmental Entities Concerning Environmental Clearances and Environmental Program Objectives for Transportation Projects**

**WHEREAS**, it is frequently necessary for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to coordinate complex or wide-ranging environmental activities related to the Commonwealth's transportation programs and services with, among others, various entities of the U.S. government, including, but not limited to, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Highway Administration, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is convenient and appropriate to document responsibility for these activities utilizing various types of contracts or agreements between VDOT and the aforementioned entities; and

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-221 (A) of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to enter into all contracts or agreements with the United States government; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTB recognizes the need for and benefits of making delegations to the Commissioner of Highways or his designee(s) in situations where such delegations would facilitate coordination of transportation activities with other entities and would ensure that project schedules are not adversely impacted due to delays in securing necessary approvals.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CTB hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Highways or his designee(s) authority to execute contracts and agreements between VDOT and entities of the U. S. Government related to the environmental clearances and environmental program objectives for transportation projects, and any revisions thereto.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner make a quarterly report to the CTB describing the contracts and agreements executed under this delegation.

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