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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 11, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Brown, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Addition of Certain Street Rights of Way in the City of Richmond to the State Primary Highway System

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services (DGS) is currently engaged in a series of major construction and renovation projects in Capitol Square in Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as part of the plan for Capitol Square, DGS plans to repurpose a significant portion of Bank Street and connecting streets to facilitate pedestrian traffic and access to Capitol Square; and

WHEREAS, § 4-5.12 (Seat of Government, Traffic and Pedestrian Safety) of Chapter 854 of the 2019 General Assembly (2019 Appropriations Act) requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), by January 1, 2020, to add certain specified portions of street rights of way in the City of Richmond to the state primary highway system, namely:

- Bank Street from 9th Street to 14th Street,
- 10th Street from Main Street to Bank Street,
- 12th Street from Main Street to Bank Street, and
- Governor Street from Main Street to Bank Street

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby adds those portions of

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Bank Street, 10th Street, 12th Street and Governor Street rights of way in the City of Richmond specified in § 4-5.12 of the 2019 Appropriations Act to the State Primary Highway System.

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CTB Decision Brief

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Issue: § 4-5.12 (Seat of Government, Traffic and Pedestrian Safety) of Chapter 854 of the 2019 General Assembly (2019 Appropriations Act) requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), by January 1, 2020, to add certain specified portions of street rights of way in the City of Richmond to the state primary highway system. Action by the CTB is sought for purposes of compliance with the 2019 Appropriations Act.

Facts:

- The Department of General Services (DGS) is currently engaged in a series of major construction and renovation projects in Capitol Square. One of the projects involves reconstruction and renovation of the General Assembly Building at 9th and Broad streets.
- During the renovation, the General Assembly has relocated to the Pocahontas Building which is situated at the corner of 9th and Main streets.
- Bank Street is situated between the Pocahontas Building and Capitol Square and is heavily traversed by pedestrians, when the General Assembly is in session and at other times during the year.
- As part of the plan for Capitol Square, DGS plans to repurpose a significant portion of Bank Street and connecting streets to facilitate pedestrian traffic and access to Capitol Square.
- During the 2019 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted §4-5.12 of the Appropriations Act to facilitate pedestrian/traffic safety in the “Seat of Government.”
- §4-5.12 requires the CTB to add the following portions of street rights of way in Richmond to the state primary highway system:
 - Bank Street from 9th Street to 14th Street,
 - 10th Street from Main Street to Bank Street,
 - 12th Street from Main Street to Bank Street,
 - Governor Street from Main Street to Bank Street
- DGS and Division of Capitol Police are charged with controlling these rights-of-way and pedestrian and vehicular traffic thereon pursuant to their typical responsibilities.

- Pursuant to §33.2-310 of the Code of Virginia, VDOT will maintain/operate these rights of way and may do so by contracting with private entities or the city of Richmond.

Recommendation: That the CTB add the specified portions of Bank, 10th, 12th, and Governor streets to the state primary highway system as set forth in the 2019 Appropriations Act.

Action Required by the CTB: The 2019 Appropriations Act (§4-5.12) requires the CTB to add the specified portions of street rights of way in Richmond to the state primary highway system by January 1, 2020 and a majority vote of the CTB is needed in order to comply with the Act.

Result, if Approved: The specified portion of the rights of way located in Richmond will be added to the state primary highway system.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reactions: N/A