

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 19, 2019

MOTION

<u>Made By:</u> Mr. Dodson, <u>Seconded By:</u> Dr. Smoot <u>Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously</u>

<u>Title: Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for Liberty Mountain Drive</u> <u>Roundabout with Access To and From Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound</u> <u>City of Lynchburg</u>

WHEREAS, on October 26, 1967, the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), designated the Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass (Old Route 297) in Campbell County (now in an annexed area of the City of Lynchburg) to be a Limited Access Highway in accordance with then Article 3, Chapter 1, Title 33 of the *Code of Virginia* of 1950, as amended, and established the limited access line locations and limits as "the final locations of said routes, including all necessary grade separations, interchanges, ramps, etc."; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Project U000-015-R08, P101, R201, C501 (UPC 108761) provides for the construction of a roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive, which includes a new on-ramp and off-ramp from Liberty Mountain Drive to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound as well as deceleration and acceleration lanes on Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound to access the roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive (the "Project"). These improvements will relieve congestion in the area of the Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass – Candlers Mountain Road – Liberty University. The construction will replace the existing Liberty Mountain Drive on-ramp to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound and includes the construction of a stormwater management basin; and

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WHEREAS, the construction of a roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive, which includes a new on-ramp and off-ramp from Liberty Mountain Drive to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound as well as deceleration and acceleration lanes on Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound to access the roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive will impact the existing limited access control lines, as shown on the Limited Access Line Exhibit and the Limited Access Control Point Stations and Offsets Table (attached); and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Willingness for Public Comment ("Willingness") was posted on May 6, 2019 in the *Lynchburg News and Advance* for the proposed LACCs for the Project, including the current and proposed locations of the limited access lines, and allowed public input to be collected concerning the request. The Willingness expired on May 16, 2019 with no comments or other input from the public; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social and environmental effects of the proposed Project have been duly examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence, has been carefully reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Lynchburg District has reviewed and approved the traffic analysis report completed in August 2015 and found that it adequately addresses the impacts from the Project and the proposed LACCs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project, which is a State Funded Revenue Sharing project, was reviewed and found to be exempt from the State Environmental Review Process (SERP); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is located within an attainment area, therefore the regional conformity requirements do not apply; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the City of Lynchburg and is supported by a letter from the City Manager dated May 15, 2019. The LACCs are also supported by a letter from Liberty University dated May 8, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed Project is not on an Interstate Highway, therefore approval of the proposed LACCs are not required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has determined that the proposed changes will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the highways; and

WHEREAS, the VDOT has reviewed the requested LACCs and determined that all are in compliance with the §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia* and that the requirements of 24 VAC 30-401-20 have been met; and

WHEREAS, the VDOT recommends approval of the LACCs as shown on the attached exhibits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with §33.2-401 of the *Code* of Virginia and Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the Virginia Administrative Code, that the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein, and directs that the Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass continue to be designated as a limited access control area, with the boundaries of limited access control being modified from the current locations as shown on the attached exhibits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to take all actions and execute any and all documents necessary to implement such changes.

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CTB Decision Brief <u>Proposed Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs)</u> <u>Liberty Mountain Drive Roundabout with Access To and From Route 460 Lynchburg</u> <u>Bypass Eastbound</u> <u>Project U000-015-R08, P101, R201, C501</u> <u>UPC 108761</u> <u>City of Lynchburg</u>

Issues: The area designated as limited access previously approved for Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound needs to be modified to accommodate the construction of a roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive, which includes a new on-ramp and off-ramp from Liberty Mountain Drive to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound. The construction will replace the existing Liberty Mountain Drive on-ramp to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound. These changes require the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) pursuant to §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia*, and Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*.

Facts:

- Limited Access Control for Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass (Old Route 297) in Campbell County (now in an annexed area of the City of Lynchburg) was previously established on October 26, 1967 by the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to be a Limited Access Highway in accordance with then Article 3, Chapter 1, Title 33 of the *Code of Virginia* of 1950, as amended, and established the limited access line locations and limits as "the final locations of said routes, including all necessary grade separations, interchanges, ramps, etc."
- State Highway Project U000-015-R08, P101, C501 (the "Project") provides for the construction of a roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive, which includes a new on-ramp and off-ramp from Liberty Mountain Drive to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound as well as deceleration and acceleration lanes on Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound to access the roundabout on Liberty Mountain Drive. These improvements will relieve congestion in the area of the Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Candlers Mountain Road Liberty University. The construction will replace the existing Liberty Mountain Drive on-ramp to Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound and includes the construction of a stormwater management basin. These improvements will impact the existing limited access control lines, as shown on the Limited Access Line Exhibit and the Limited Access Control Point Stations and Offsets Table (attached).
- A Notice of Willingness for Public Comment ("Willingness") was posted on May 6, 2019 in the *Lynchburg News and Advance* for the proposed LACCs for the Project, including the current and proposed locations of the limited access lines, and allowed public input to be collected concerning the request. The Willingness expired on May 16, 2019 with no comments or other input from the public.

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- The economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed Project have been duly examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence has been carefully reviewed.
- The Lynchburg District has reviewed and approved the traffic analysis report in August 2015 and found that it adequately addresses the impacts from the Project and the proposed LACCs.
- The proposed Project, which is a State Funded Revenue Sharing project, was reviewed and found to be exempt from the State Environmental Review Process (SERP).
- This proposed Project is located within an attainment area, therefore the regional conformity requirements do not apply.
- The proposed Project is in the City of Lynchburg and the proposed LACCs are supported by a letter from the Office of the City Manager dated May 15, 2019. The proposed LACCs are also supported by a letter from Liberty University dated May 8, 2019.
- The proposed Project is not on an Interstate Highway, therefore approval of the proposed LACCs are not required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- The Chief Engineer has determined that the proposed changes will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the highways.
- The proposed LACCs are in compliance with §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia* and with the polices and requirements of the CTB contained in Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*.

Recommendations: It is recommended, pursuant to §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia* and Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*, that the Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass corridor in the City of Lynchburg continue to be designated as a Limited Access Highway with the LACCs modified and/or established as shown on the attached exhibits. This action will modify the limited access line and right of way previously approved by the CTB's predecessor, the State Highway Commission, on October 26, 1967.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* §33.2-401 and Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code* require a majority vote of the CTB to approve the recommended LACCs. The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to approve the LACCs for the proposed Project to provide the Commissioner of Highways the requisite authority to execute all documents necessary to implement the LACCs.

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Result, if Approved: The Commissioner of Highways will be authorized to execute any and all documents needed to comply with the resolution to implement such changes.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: There were no comments or other input received from the public as a result of the posting of the Willingness for the Project.



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May 15, 2019

Ms. Sharon S. White, P.E., CCM Virginia Department of Transportation 4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501

RE: Liberty University Ramp and Roundabout (UPC 108761) Proposed Limited Access Control Changes

Dear Ms. White:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that the City Council of Lynchburg, Virginia has reviewed and supports the limited access revisions along the Route 460 off-ramp/on-ramp, as required for the Liberty University Ramp and Roundabout Project.

Please contact Mr. Tom Martin at (434) 455-3900, if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely.

Bonnie Svrcek City Manager

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Members, City Council Tom Martin, City Planner Gaynelle Hart, Public Works Director Lee Newland, P.E., City Engineer





COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1401 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219 2000

Stephen Brich Commissioner

June 1, 2019

The Honorable Shannon Valentine The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E. The Honorable Jennifer Mitchell The Honorable Jerry L. Stinson II The Honorable Mary Hughes Hynes The Honorable Allison DeTuncq The Honorable Bert Dodson, Jr. The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller III The Honorable Carlos M. Brown The Honorable Stephen A. Johnsen The Honorable F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr. The Honorable E. Scott Kasprowicz The Honorable Raymond D. Smoot, Jr. The Honorable Marty Williams The Honorable John Malbon The Honorable Greg Yates

Subject: Approval of Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for Liberty Mountain Drive Roundabout with Access To and From Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass Eastbound in the City of Lynchburg.

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for LACCs for your consideration. The proposed LACCs on State Highway Project U000-015-R08, P101, R201, C501 have been determined as a necessary design feature and recommended for approval by the Department's staff.

I have reviewed the staff's recommendations and determined that approving these LACC's will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the affected highway network. I have determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

THU. More

Garrett W. Moore, P.E. Chief Engineer

Oct 26, 1967

Moved by Mr. McWane,

seconded by Mr. Landrith,

that,

The proposed U. S. Routes 460, 501 and State Route 297 interchange area at the East Corporate Limits of the City of Lynchburg, being partially within the City of Lynchburg and the remainder in Campbell County as shown on the plans for State Project 6297-015-104-RW-201, including any necessary relocations, ramps, connections, etc., as shown on the plans be designated as a limited access highway in accordance with Article 3, Chapter 1, Title 33 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended.

At-grade access will not be permitted under this resolution,

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Landrith,

that,

WHEREAS, the Norfolk-Virginia Beach Toll Road is scheduled for opening to traffic December 1, 1967, and

WHEREAS, under provisions of Section 505 of the Trust Indenture date July 1, 1965, by and between the State Highway Commission and the Virginia National Bank, Trustee, the Commission will prepare a preliminary budget of current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year of operation of this Toll Road, and on or before December 1st, preceding the said fiscal year, it will adopt a final budget for that year, and

WHEREAS, the situched preliminary budget totaling \$186,000, covering estimated operating expense for the fiscal year January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968, has been submitted by the Toll Facilities' Manager of the Department of Highways and has been approved by the Consulting Engineers on this project, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Highway Commission that this budget for the first fiscal year of operation of the Norfolk-Virginia Beach Toll Road be adopted.



Planning and Construction

To: Sharon S. White, P.E., CCM Virginia Department of Transportation 4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501

From: Todd Carroll, PE Corporate Civil Engineer

Date: May 8, 2019

Subject: Liberty University Ramp and Roundabout (UPC 108761) Proposed Limited Access Control Changes

Dear Ms. White:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that Liberty University has reviewed and supports the limited access revisions along the Route 460 off-ramp/on-ramp, as required for the Liberty University Ramp and Roundabout Project.

Please contact me at (434) 582-2352, if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

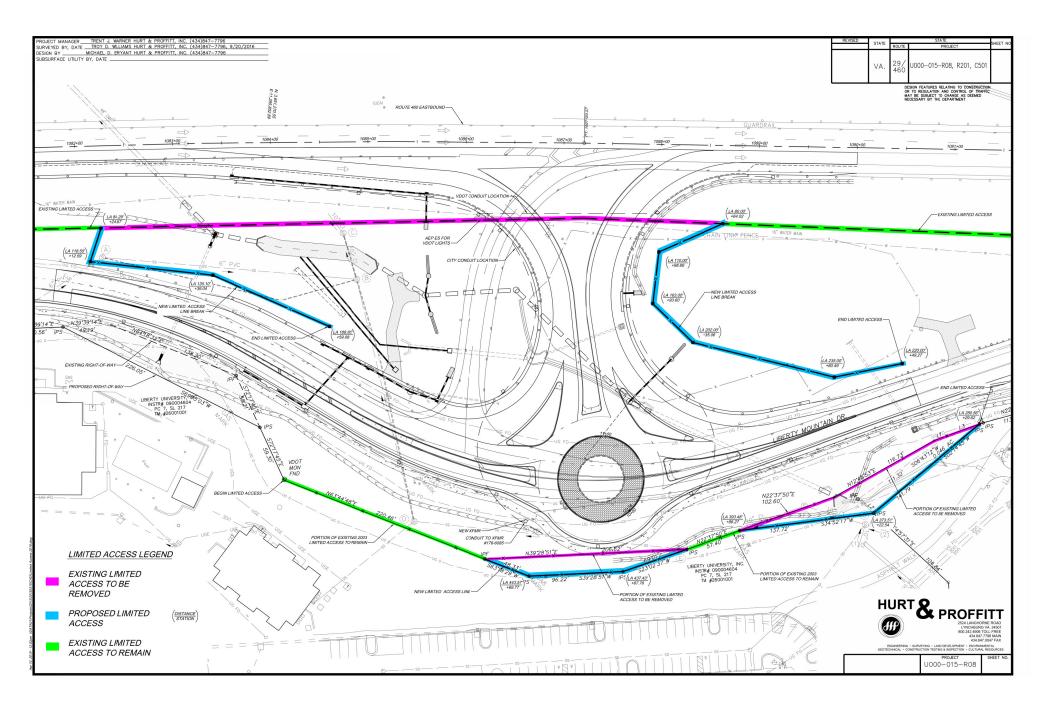
Sincerely?

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Rogerson, George <george.rogerson@vdot.virginia.gov>

Re: LACC FOR LIBERTY MOUNTAIN DRIVE ROUNDABOUT AT ROUTE 460 LYNCHBURG BYPASS EASTBOUND

1 message

Snider, Lori <lori.snider@vdot.virginia.gov> To: "Hord, Neil" <neil.hord@vdot.virginia.gov> Cc: George Rogerson <george.rogerson@vdot.virginia.gov> Mon, May 6, 2019 at 12:23 PM

I approve of this LACC from a right of way and utilities perspective.

Lori

On Mon, May 6, 2019, 12:11 PM Hord, Neil <neil.hord@vdot.virginia.gov> wrote: Lori,

I have reviewed the proposed LACC for project purposes from L&D and recommend your approval. If you concur, please reply all so that George can advance this item. Thanks

Neil

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Rogerson, George** <george.rogerson@vdot.virginia.gov> Date: Fri, May 3, 2019 at 7:08 AM Subject: Fwd: LACC FOR LIBERTY MOUNTAIN DRIVE ROUNDABOUT AT ROUTE 460 LYNCHBURG BYPASS EASTBOUND To: Hord, Neil <neil.hord@vdot.virginia.gov>

Neil,

Please review and recommend approval from Lori.

Thank you:

George

------ Forwarded message ------From: Jack, Steven <steven.jack@vdot.virginia.gov> Date: Thu, May 2, 2019 at 10:21 AM Subject: Re: LACC FOR LIBERTY MOUNTAIN DRIVE ROUNDABOUT AT ROUTE 460 LYNCHBURG BYPASS EASTBOUND To: Garrett, Michael <michael.garrett@vdot.virginia.gov> Cc: Rogerson, George <george.rogerson@vdot.virginia.gov>, Jo Maxwell <joanne.maxwell@vdot.virginia.gov>, Hord, Neil <neil.hord@vdot.virginia.gov>, Richard Worssam <richard.worssam@vdot.virginia.gov>, Joseph Koscinski <joseph.koscinski@vdot.virginia.gov>

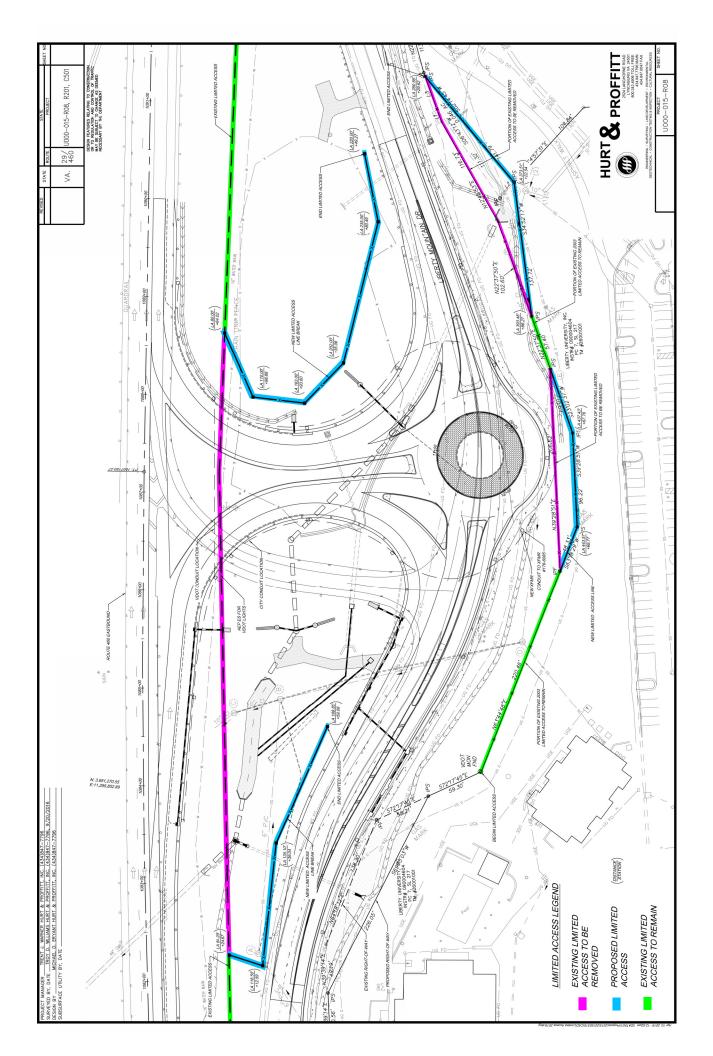
George,

I don't have any suggested edits to these; they are fine once you get the dates for the postings, etc., added in.

Steve

On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 2:29 PM Garrett, Michael <michael.garrett@vdot.virginia.gov> wrote: I'll ask Steve to look at this. Thanks On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 2:23 PM Rogerson, George <george.rogerson@vdot.virginia.gov> wrote: Mike, I have attached the LACC documents for the above-mentioned project for your review and comments for the June CTB Meeting. I would like comments back by the COB April 19 because I have another I am working on. Resolution **Decision Brief Past Resolution** Limited Access Line Exhibit Limited Access Control Point Stations and Offsets Table Vicinity Map Letters of Local Support from City of Lynchburg and Liberty University are forthcoming. Thank you for your review and comments. George ----Steven P. Jack Policy Regulatory Manager Governance and Legislative Affairs Division Virginia Department of Transportation 1401 E. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 786-3885 ---Neil M. Hord Program Manager Property Management Right of Way & Utilities Division 1401 E. Broad Street, 5th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219 Phone: (804) 786-4079 Fax: (804) 786-1706

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Project Vicinity Map

UPC 108761 U000-015-R08, P101, R201, C501 Campbell County/City of Lynchburg Limited Access Change Request

From: Liberty Mountain Drive To: Route 460 Lynchburg Bypass EBL



LIMITED ACCESS CONTROL POINTS

LIBERTY RAMP AND ROUNDABOUT PROJECT CITY OF LYNCHBURG

PLAN SHEET	POINT	BASELINE	STATION	OFFSET (FT)	LEFT/RIGHT
LA-1	LA01	ROUTE 460 EBL	1082+24.67	84.29	RT
LA-1	LA02	ROUTE 460 EBL	1082+12.59	118.50	RT
LA-1	LA03	ROUTE 460 EBL	1083+39.04	135.10	RT
LA-1	LA04	ROUTE 460 EBL	1084+59.08	188.85	RT
LA-1	LA05	ROUTE 460 EBL	1086+69.77	443.57	RT
LA-1	LA06	ROUTE 460 EBL	1087+67.76	437.43	RT
LA-1	LA07	ROUTE 460 EBL	1088+86.27	393.48	RT
LA-1	LA08	ROUTE 460 EBL	1090+22.54	373.51	RT
LA-1	LA09	ROUTE 460 EBL	1091+29.62	280.56	RT
LA-1	LA10	ROUTE 460 EBL	1090+49.27	220.00	RT
LA-1	LA11	ROUTE 460 EBL	1089+80.49	235.00	RT
LA-1	LA12	ROUTE 460 EBL	1088+35.06	202.00	RT
LA-1	LA13	ROUTE 460 EBL	1087+93.60	163.00	RT
LA-1	LA14	ROUTE 460 EBL	1087+98.89	110.00	RT
LA-1	LA15	ROUTE 460 EBL	1088+64.02	80.00	RT