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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 19, 2007

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Keen Seconded By: Mr. Martin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Limited Access Control Changes

Route 647 and Interstate 81 Interchange, Washington County, Town of Abingdon

WHEREAS, Interstate 81 between 0.248 mile south of Route 611 and 1.083 miles north of the intersection with Routes 11 and 58, in Washington County, was designated as a Limited Access Highway by the State Highway Commission of Virginia, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), on October 4, 1956; and

WHEREAS, in connection with a section of Interstate 81, State Highway Project 0081-095-38, which is located between the aforesaid locations, the Commonwealth acquired certain lands and limited access easements from various landowners; and

WHEREAS, the land on both the southeast and the northwest sides of Interstate 81, as shown on the plans for the aforesaid State Highway Project, have been identified for modifications to the existing interchange of Interstate 81 and Route 647, being the Interstate 81 Exit 14, by the Developer of adjacent lands to support a proposed commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has identified and requested modifications of said interchange, as shown on the plans of the aforesaid project, both within and adjacent to the right of way and limited access lines of the existing Interstate 81 and Route 647 Interchange, to include positive shifts in the existing right of way and limited access lines, deletion of portions of the existing interchange ramps, addition of modified interchange ramps, full signalization for three intersections, appurtenant intersection and approach improvements, median breaks, turn, taper, merge, acceleration, and deceleration lanes, as required; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Abingdon, by resolution dated March 15, 2007, supported the conceptual re-design and proposed modifications to the Route 647 and Interstate 81 Interchange for Exit 14, which includes right of way and limited access control shifts; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined that the modifications of the Interstate 81 and Route 647 Interchange to include deletion of portions of the existing interchange ramps, addition of modified interchange ramps, full signalization for three intersections, appurtenant intersection and approach improvements, median breaks, turn, taper, merge, acceleration, and deceleration lanes, and resulting positive right of way limited access control line shifts, as required, shall eliminate a hazardous weaving movement caused by the overlap of the deceleration and acceleration lanes for Interstate 81 at this interchange, and are appropriate for said proposed interchange and safety improvements from a design standpoint, subject to further review and approval; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined that said proposed interchange modifications, and said resulting intersection, approach, and positive right of way and limited access control shifts to include signalization and safety improvements, as required, are appropriate from a safety and traffic control standpoint, subject to further review and approval; and

WHEREAS, all right of way, engineering, construction, and necessary signalization and safety improvements shall meet all VDOT standards and requirements; and

WHEREAS, VDOT's staff has determined there will be no adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, all costs of engineering and construction, including all necessary signalization and safety improvements, will be borne by the Developer; and

WHEREAS, the Developer shall donate any lands necessary for the proposed modifications of said limited access control and said interchange modifications to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has reviewed and conditionally approved said proposed limited access control changes for said interchange modifications; and

WHEREAS, public notices were posted in either the Bristol Herald Courier or the Washington County News on February 13, 2007, February 14, 2007, March 1,

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2007, and at the Design Public hearing on March 15, 2007, and closed March 25, 2007, with positive and dissenting comments received; and

WHEREAS, the proposed limited access control shifts are in compliance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policy; and

WHEREAS, upon completion and acceptance of the proposed interchange modifications and changes, and acceptance by VDOT, all work, roadway construction, improvements and equipment will become the property of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33.1-58 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the CTB hereby approves said limited access control shifts for public street purposes as set forth and subject to the above referenced to conditions being satisfied as required. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents needed to comply with this resolution.

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