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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 17, 2008

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Bowie Seconded By: Mrs. Carter Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Corridors of the Future (CFP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Virginia (Signatory States), as amended and CFP Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) between USDOT and the Signatory States</u>

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2006, USDOT published a Notice, in the Federal Register at 71 FR 52364, seeking applications from States, or private sector entities working with States, interested in developing national and regional corridors to alleviate congestion on highways, rail, or waterways; and

WHEREAS, this Notice established a two-phase process through which USDOT would evaluate these applications and select transportation corridors in need of investment; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2007, the Signatory States cooperatively submitted an application under the CFP for the Interstate 95 Corridor from south Florida north to the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Signatory States propose to develop approaches for infrastructure improvements, both physical and operational, in an effort to join together to alleviate congestion and improve corridor mobility and system operations, to include reconstruction, expansion, and utilization of Intelligent Transportation System ("ITS") technology to accommodate future demand and improve safety and reliability in the I-95 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration in support of the Corridor of the Future Grant Application has designated for NCDOT to receive up to \$21 million in Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Grant funding for NCDOT I-95 Interstate improvements; and

WHEREAS, subject to the availability of the federal funds and approval of State funding, the NCDOT has agreed to administer the initial I-95 improvement projects and disbursement of NCDOT

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State funds to the Signatory States for each states' respective I-95 projects up to \$4.2 million per Signatory State for qualifying I-95 improvements; and,

WHEREAS, each State will be responsible for the actions within its borders, and agrees to coordinate and cooperate as defined in the Development Agreement with each bordering Signatory State to assure continuity and consistency of improvements across the borders.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to enter into the Corridors of the Future Memorandum of Understanding, and any amendments thereto, and the Corridors of the Future Comprehensive Development Agreement between USDOT and the Signatory States, and such other agreements as may be necessary between the participating states in furtherance of the Corridors of the Future Program.

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