



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**May 21, 2009**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Davies Seconded By: Mrs. Connally Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Recommendations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board Concerning Multimodal Planning Fund Allocations**

**WHEREAS**, Item 454 of Chapter 781 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly (the 2009 Appropriation Act) provided funding for the planning and evaluation of options to address transportation needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Item 454 of Chapter 781 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly also provided funds for advance planning activities to determine improvements to corridors prior to the initiation of project design; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 896 (HB 3202) of the 2007 Acts of Assembly added to the Code of Virginia a requirement for cities, counties, and towns meeting specific criteria for population size and growth rates to amend their comprehensive plans to incorporate urban development areas (UDAs); and,

**WHEREAS**, UDAs are areas designated appropriate for higher density development due to proximity to transportation facilities, availability of water and sewer, or proximity to a city or other development, thereby reducing the demand on transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, UDAs shall incorporate the principles of new urbanism including but not limited to (i) pedestrian-friendly road design, (ii) interconnection of new local streets with existing local streets and roads, (iii) connectivity of road and pedestrian networks, (iv) preservation of natural areas, (v) satisfaction of requirements for stormwater management, (vi) mixed-use neighborhoods, including mixed housing types, (vii) reduction of front and side yard building setbacks, and (viii) reduction of subdivision street widths and turning radii at subdivision street

intersections; and,

**WHEREAS**, Item 454 of Chapter 781 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly assigns to the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment the responsibility for recommending allocations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for the use of the planning funds identified above; and,

**WHEREAS**, UDAs can help create dense, mixed-use developments that will complement and help promote state transit and rail investments, and allow for more efficient transit and passenger rail service; and,

**WHEREAS**, coordinating transit and rail investments are match with appropriate land use such as dense, mixed-use development that are required within UDAs, can help reduce traffic congestion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment recommends that the CTB allocate \$3,000,000 for support to localities to address the establishment of UDAs, \$1,000,000 for Advance Activities, \$500,000 for a Multimodal Grant Program, and \$500,000 in support of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment planning activities from the FY 2009 Funds; and.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CTB approves the recommended use of said funds.

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