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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MADE BY: Mr. Martin SECONDED BY: Dr. Davis
ACTION: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Study of Alignment Shift for Proposed I-73 in the Martinsville/Henry County Area

WHEREAS, the Henry County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in November of 2007 asking the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to reconsider the designated route for I-73 through Henry County by directing that any alignment incorporate the proposed Patriot Centre connector road and better access from the Martinsville Speedway and the Martinsville Industrial Park as part of any re-evaluation to consider an alternative alignment; and

WHEREAS, based on this and other actions taken by the Henry County Board of Supervisors with respect to the County's economic development plans, the request to re-evaluate appears to be based on the Board of Supervisors desire to better serve a number of existing and future businesses in Henry County and to make more effective use of a portion of the current Route 58 bypass, and to foster economic development potential in an area which has suffered extensive economic hardships; and

WHEREAS, based on the request from Henry County the CTB, in a resolution dated June 19, 2008, directed VDOT to evaluate the Henry County proposed alternative route; and

WHEREAS, VDOT engaged a consultant engineering firm to evaluate the proposed alignment shift, and the enhancement and detriments of such an alignment shift as identified by the consultant were presented to the CTB at its meeting on November 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has reviewed the results of the consultant study; and

WHEREAS, considering all the factors which have been presented, the CTB believes the alignment shift in this area should be further studied.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CTB directs VDOT to work with the Federal Highway Administration to conduct the required public involvement, conduct the necessary studies, and secure the necessary approval, to consider shifting the location of the alignment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT bring the results of these studies to the CTB for further action as may be considered by the CTB to adopt the shift in alignment.

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