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Agenda Item # NB 4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Koelemay Seconded By: Mr. Sterling
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

Title: Steeplechase Drive Access At Route 28 in Loudoun County

WHEREAS, Route 28 is a critical component of the Northern Virginia transportation network and was designated by the predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board as a limited access facility in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District was established by the Loudoun and Fairfax Counties to implement a number of improvements along Route 28, including the widening of the then existing two lane highway and constructing a total of 13 interchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Route 28 Tax District and the Commonwealth have invested over \$300 million dollars to transition Route 28 to a limited access highway; and

WHEREAS, as part of the construction of the transportation improvements to Route 28, the signalized intersection at Steeplechase Drive has been modified to an interim condition of a signalized right-in-right-out access point; and

WHEREAS, the signalized right-in-right-out access at Steeplechase Drive will remain in place until the completion of Atlantic Boulevard from Magnolia Road to Church Road; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of Atlantic Boulevard as described above, and consistent with the design of the Route 28 improvements, access to and from Steeplechase Drive to Route 28 will be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County's Board of Supervisors has expressed concern over the effect of the closure of access from Route 28 to Steeplechase Drive particularly the effect such closure will have upon the Orbital Sciences Corporation (Orbital) Campus in the County; and

WHEREAS, Orbital has proposed modified access via a right-in freeway style ramp from northbound Route 28 to Eastbound Steeplechase Drive; and

WHEREAS, to address the close proximity of Orbital's entrance to its property to Route 28, Orbital is also proposing a roundabout at Steeplechase Drive and their entrance to allow for a continuous flow of traffic so as to avoid potential back-ups onto Route 28; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2009, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution supporting a permanent right-in from northbound Route 28 to eastbound Steeplechase Drive with a roundabout at Steeplechase and the entrance road to Orbital as proposed by Orbital Sciences Corporation subject to VDOT concurrence based on traffic analysis and conceptual engineered plans of the freeway style right-in ramp and the roundabout; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board supports such limited access break provided certain conditions are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board's earlier determination that Route 28 be designated as a limited access facility be amended to allow a right-in traffic movement at northbound Route 28 and Steeplechase Drive conditioned upon the following:

1. That the conditions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Policy on Change of Limited Access Control are satisfied or waived in accordance with said Policy.
2. That the condition of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisor's September 1, 2009 Resolution are met.
3. That VDOT concurs with and approves the design of the right-in freeway style ramp, the roundabout, and any other improvements that are required.
4. That Orbital and or others agree to pay all costs for improvements as identified herein, including any costs which may be incurred to accommodate the future widening or other improvements to Route 28.
5. That the Route 28 Tax District Commission concurs with the change in limited access as proposed herein.

6. That the proposed right-in freeway style ramp is constructed and open to traffic by December 31, 2011, or as otherwise approved by VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should such conditions not be met that access to Steeplechase Drive at Route 28 shall be closed.

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