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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Martin Seconded By: Mr. Louderback
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: Recreational Access to Matthews State Forest
Project RECR-038-731, M501, Grayson County**

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-223 of the *Code of Virginia* sets forth that the General Assembly of Virginia has found and declared that it is "... in the public interest that access roads and bikeways for public recreational areas and historical sites be provided..." and sets aside highway funds for such purpose, "... when the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation has designated a public recreational area as such ... and recommends to the Commonwealth Transportation Board that an access road or bikeway be provided or maintained to that area"; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) have adopted a joint policy to govern the use of the Recreational Access Fund pursuant to Section 33.1-223 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has, by [appropriate resolution](#), requested Recreational Access funds to provide adequate public access off of U. S. Highway 58 to serve Matthews State Forest located in eastern Grayson County, approximately 0.50 miles east of Route 94, just west of the City of Galax, and said access is estimated to cost \$499,180; and

WHEREAS, this request is being considered by the Director of DCR for full compliance with the provisions of Section 33.1-223 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Director of DCR will recommend the construction of the aforementioned access roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that from the Recreational Access Fund \$400,000 be allocated to construct the access roadway to provide adequate access off of U. S. Highway 58 to the Matthews State Forest, located in eastern Grayson County, approximately 0.50 miles east of Route 94, just west of the City of Galax, Project RECR-038-731, M501, contingent upon:

1. The Director of DCR designating Matthews State Forest as a public recreational area and recommending the use of the Recreational Access Fund for the construction of the access roadway; and
2. All right of way, environmental assessments and remediation, and utility adjustments being provided at no cost to the Commonwealth; and
3. Execution of an appropriate agreement between the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide for:
 - a. design, administration, construction and maintenance of this project; and
 - b. payment of all ineligible project costs, and of any eligible project costs in excess of the \$400,000 allocation for the access roadway construction from sources other than those administered by VDOT.

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