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Agenda item 10-B

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 20, 2012

MOTION

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

Title: Delay of Distribution of Fiscal Year 2013 -2018 Six Year Improvement Program Funds to the Northern Virginia Transit Providers

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-12(9)(b) of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) of anticipated projects and programs and that the Program shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-638(A)(4)(c) of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Board to allocate funds for mass transit in accordance with the statutory formula set forth therein; and,

WHEREAS, public transparency and establishing a clear pathway of the role of statewide revenues and how those revenues are applied by the Commonwealth and distributed to a grantee for a specific given project or service within each jurisdiction are fundamental in the distribution and expenditure of state funds for mass transit; and,

WHEREAS, the funding for mass transit appropriated by the General Assembly and programmed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to support the Northern Virginia transit services provided by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Fairfax Connector (County of Fairfax), ART (County of Arlington), DASH (City of Alexandria), CUE (City of Fairfax), and previously George (City of Falls Church) have historically been distributed in the SYIP to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC); and,

WHEREAS, in the spirit of public transparency and of establishing a clear pathway of the role of statewide revenues for mass transit, the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation notified the Counties of Fairfax and Arlington, the Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax and WMATA on May 15, 2012 that SYIP funds distributed as state transit assistance would be shifted from NVTC to be provided directly to each jurisdiction and to WMATA beginning in FY2013; and,

WHEREAS, several discussions and meetings with the NVTC jurisdictions have taken place since May 15, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has requested that the local jurisdictions provide their concerns as to this funding change by June 19, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT is evaluating comments by the NVTC local jurisdictions and the NVTC local jurisdictions have indicated in conversations that additional time is necessary to continue discussions and deliberations; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT will report to the Board at its July 18, 2012 meeting and the Board will make final determination as to the best resolution of the issues being considered; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the timing of events, the Board has developed and taken action on a Final FY2013-2018 Six-Year Improvement Program on this day prior to this consideration of this action item; and,

WHEREAS, the Board adopted FY2013-2018 SYIP provides mass transit funds directly to WMATA and to the local jurisdictions providing for transit services and not to NVTC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that funds programmed in the FY2013-2018 Six Year Improvement Program to support the Northern Virginia transit services provided by WMATA, Fairfax Connector (County of Fairfax), ART (county of Arlington), DASH (City of Alexandria), CUE (City of Fairfax), and previously George (City of Falls Church) will be delayed in distribution by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation until after the July 18, 2012 Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting to allow for further discussions and deliberations on this matter and to determine through findings and recommendations as to whether to distribute SYIP funds directly to NVTC or distribute funds to the listed Northern Virginia transit providers.

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