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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 14, 2012

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Layne Seconded By: Mr. Miller

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Discontinuance of the Portion of Jolly Pond Road (Route 633) That Extends Across the Jolly Pond Dam in James City County, Virginia

WHEREAS, in accordance with §33.1-150, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and by [resolution](#) dated October 25, 2011, the James City County Board of Supervisors has petitioned the Commonwealth Transportation Board to discontinue the portion of Jolly Pond Road (Route 633) that extends across the crest of Jolly Pond Dam in James City County, Virginia and is currently in the Secondary System of Highways “because it no longer serves the public convenience for the portion of Jolly Pond that extends across the Jolly Pond Dam to be included in the Secondary System of State Highways”; and,

WHEREAS, in that same resolution, the James City County Board of Supervisors authorized the implementation of the Continued Monitoring Program and the Emergency Action Plan described in the October 18, 2011 Jolly Pond Dam Engineering Report; and,

WHEREAS, this section of highway has been closed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to the traveling public since January 31, 2009, due to safety concerns when the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (DCR) Class II Conditional Operation and Maintenance Certificate for the dam expired; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the petition by the James City County Board of Supervisors and in accordance with §33.1-150, VDOT Hampton Roads District staff held a public hearing on the proposed discontinuance, and notified the abutting and nearby landowners and almost all comments received supported the opening of the road on the crest of the dam by James City County; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.1-150, Code of Virginia, this Board hereby grants the request for the discontinuance of the section of roadway known as the section of Jolly Pond Road, Route 633 in James City County, that extends across the crest of the Jolly Pond Dam and is more specifically described as follows: the portion of road located 0.80 miles

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southeast of the intersection of Route 611 to 1.20 miles southwest of the intersection of Route 614 for a total of 0.13 miles of discontinuance, finding that, given the current safety concerns associated with this section of road, concerns which were addressed with the closing of the road over the dam; the fact that the dam safety issue is still present; the fact that the road has been closed to travel for over two years; and the fact that there is an alternative route available; and based upon the county's request to discontinue, the crossing of the road over the dam is not required for public convenience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on VDOT's right of way on the stub end of each section of Jolly Pond Road just prior to the dam, appropriate signage be posted advising the traveling public of the end of state maintenance and advising the public of the availability of turnarounds with the option of continuing via the loop road and that signage also be posted at both intersections of Routes 633 and 614 indicating the distances to the end of state maintenance. Finally, a letter shall be sent to the James City County Board of Supervisors advising them of the concerns regarding the safety of the traveling public who may use the roadway over the dam if the County re-opens the roadway prior to the dam receiving appropriate certification from DCR.

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