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Agenda item # 9

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2013

MOTION

**Made By: Ms. Fisher Seconded By: Mr. Ellis
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: Proposed Limited Access Control
Route 7 (Harry Byrd Highway) and Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road) Interchange
County of Loudoun**

WHEREAS, a Design Hearing was held at the Seldens Landing Elementary School Gymnasium, in Leesburg, Virginia on Thursday, February 23, 2012, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering proposed State Highway Project 6007-053-998, PE-101, RW-201, C-501, B-667, D-655; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2013, VDOT's Deputy Chief Engineer approved the major design features, including Limited Access right of way lines, in accordance with the plan as proposed and presented at the said Design Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project involves improvements to the Route 7 (Harry Byrd Highway) and Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road) Interchange that will improve traffic flow and alleviate the traffic delays caused by turning movements and a substandard geometry and roadway width on Route 659, beginning 0.7 of a mile west of Route 659 and ending 0.6 of a mile east of Route 659, with a length of approximately 0.5 of a mile of Route 7 and approximately 1.0 mile of Route 659; and,

WHEREAS, the said Project consists of the design and construction of a grade separated interchange with new bridge carrying Belmont Ridge Road over Harry Byrd Highway,

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reconstruction and widening of Belmont Ridge Road between Route 2150 (Gloucester Parkway) and Promenade Drive, and the establishment of limited access control along Route 7 and Route 659 as part of the design feature of the Project, and;

WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the proposed Project as presented, and their statements being duly recorded; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Loudoun has endorsed the Project as presented at that public hearing by a resolution from the Board of Supervisors, approved June 19, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, this Project is in compliance with NEPA requirements based on the findings set forth in a January 23, 2012 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and the findings set forth in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) April 23, 2013 determination of the applicability for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on March 4, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed Project have been duly examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of §33.1-58 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein and designates that the Route 7 (Harry Byrd Parkway) and Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road) Interchange as a Limited Access Highway with the Limited Access Control being established as follows:

The limited access right-of-way (L/A) will begin on the left side of Route 7 WB at Station 99+63.32, and continuing east along the northern side of Route 7 WB and north along the western side of Route 659 and ending left of Route 659 at Station 206+79.95, as a break to accommodate proposed Route 659; and beginning on the right side of Route 659 at Station 202+84.82, and continuing south along the eastern side of Route 659 and east along the northern side of Route 7 WB and ending on the left side of Route 7 WB at Station 163+72.23; and also beginning on the right side of Route 7 EB at Station 104+21.83, and continuing east along the southern side of Route 7 EB and south along the western side of Route 659 and ending left of Route 659 at Station 185+71.95, as a break to accommodate proposed Route 659; and beginning on the right side of Route 659 at Station 185+85.34, and continuing north along the eastern side of Route 659 and east along the southern side of Route 7 EB and ending on the right side of Route 7 EB at Station 167+51.51.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement such changes.

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