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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fralin, Seconded By: Ms. Valentine
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Approval of I-81 Interim Report Required by Item 427 L 1 and 2 of the 2014 Appropriation Act

WHEREAS, Item 427 L 1 and 2 of the 2014 Appropriation Act requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to direct the staff of the Bristol, Salem and Staunton districts of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to develop a list of potential improvements to address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor as a part of the statewide prioritization process enacted by the 2014 General Assembly pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:5 (§ 33.2-214, effective October 1, 2014) of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, Item 427 L 1 and 2 also requires that, in the identification of potential candidate projects for evaluation, the CTB shall (i) solicit input from local elected officials, state legislators, and other affected stakeholders, and (ii) shall give priority to projects that minimize the impacts on adjacent communities, including historic battlefields, and to projects that can be implemented within the existing right-of-way or with minimal additional right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Item 427 L 1 and 2 further requires that an interim report, including a listing of the identified projects and estimated costs, shall be completed by November 1, 2014 ("Interim Report"), and that by January 1, 2016, a final listing, developed pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly, be prepared, bearing the "prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Program" to be adopted by the CTB in June 2016; and

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WHEREAS, the CTB approved allocations for the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 at its June 18, 2014 meeting, and the projects listed in that SYIP have been subject to public comment prior to approval by the CTB; and

WHEREAS, given the November 1, 2014 due date, it has been necessary to develop the list of projects for the Interim Report based on those projects included in the SYIP for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 that address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor, and said list has been incorporated in the Interim Report attached hereto as Attachment A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby approves the Interim Report, which includes the list of projects included in the SYIP for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 that address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor, and is attached hereto as Attachment A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make such modifications to the Interim Report as he deems appropriate, albeit leaving the list of projects set forth in Attachment A intact, and to take all actions necessary to present the report to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to take, on behalf of the CTB, those measures deemed necessary to present to the CTB, no later than its November, 2015 meeting and prior to submission to the General Assembly, the finalized list of "prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Program" to be adopted by the CTB in June 2016, that has been developed in accord with the conditions set forth in Item 427 L 1 and 2.

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