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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Brown, Seconded By: Mr. Williams

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Action to Approve the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan Needs
Recommendations Methodology and Recommendations by the Commonwealth
Transportation Board**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33.2-353 of the *Code of Virginia*, the General Assembly of Virginia has directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board), with assistance from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, to conduct a comprehensive review of statewide transportation needs in a Statewide Transportation Plan (VTrans) setting forth assessment of capacity needs for all Corridors of Statewide Significance, Regional Networks, and improvements to promote Urban Development Areas established pursuant to 15.2-2223.1 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has directed that the VTrans shall be updated as needed, but no less than once every four years and shall establish goals, objectives and priorities that cover at least a 20 year planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, the methodology for developing the VTrans Needs Assessments for the Corridors of Statewide Significance, Regional Networks, and Urban Development Areas was presented to the Board on February 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the findings of draft economic, demographic/social, technological, and environmental trends assessments included in the VTrans Vision Plan were presented to the Board on February 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, after extensive stakeholder and public outreach, the VTrans Vision Plan and VTrans Needs Assessment were presented to the Board and accepted on December 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board directed the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation, to develop a VTrans action plan that prioritizes the needs identified in the VTrans Needs Assessment and develop recommendations for such prioritized needs based on the VTrans Vision and constrained resources; and

WHEREAS, VTrans Tier I Recommendations focus on critical needs over the next 10 years with solutions based on VTrans guiding principles adopted by the Board and supports new Federal planning regulations which place more emphasis on performance based planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, in January 2017, the draft VTrans Tier I Recommendations were issued and posted at VTrans2040.com for purposes of gathering public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, extensive stakeholder and public outreach was conducted including 14 regional meetings with public open house meetings held during January and February 2017, two rounds of public comments held between January and March 2017 and September and October 2017, and one public meeting in each of the nine construction districts held during September and October 2017; and

WHEREAS, the draft VTrans Tier I Recommendations were presented to Board members on an individual basis during the summer of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the VTrans Tier 1 Recommendations represent the state's perspective on a future pipeline of candidate projects for consideration under SMART SCALE Prioritization Process and other programs, strengthens the connection between planning, project development, and programming, and reflects common sense engineering pursuant to the VTrans guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of comments received, changes were made to the draft VTrans Tier 1 Recommendations and the Board believes prioritized needs as set forth below should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the methodology used to develop the VTrans recommendations and hereby adopts the VTrans Tier 1 Recommendations developed pursuant to 33.2-353 of the *Code of Virginia*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Board that funds used by VDOT or DRPT for advanced activities and project development relating to concepts addressing a capacity need of the surface transportation network be limited to the VTrans Tier I Recommendations, provided that this may be waived by the Secretary of Transportation on a case-by-case basis and shall not limit support for assisting applicants with SMART SCALE applications or activities needed to accelerate project schedules for improvements funded through SMART SCALE in the Six-Year Improvement Program.