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Transportation Board Awards \$77 Million Worth of Contracts, Pending Further Review

RICHMOND-The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) awarded 44 construction contracts worth \$77 million during its monthly meeting in Richmond today. The contracts were awarded pending a thorough review based on the current financial situation by the Commissioner and his staff to determine which projects should be executed. Approval of all consultant agreements was deferred.

The largest contract under consideration would replace decks of two I-77 bridges over New River in Wythe County. Other contracts under review include safety improvements such as installing guardrails and median barriers at various locations along I-81 in Pulaski and Botetourt counties. Improvements also include extending various exit lanes along I-81 in Roanoke County.

The CTB also authorized VDOT to conduct a detailed analysis of a private proposal to design and build improvements in the Route 199/Route 31 Jamestown Road Corridor in advance of Jamestown's 400th anniversary celebration.

The action follows VDOT's preliminary review of the proposal, submitted under the 1995 Public-Private Transportation Act by Jamestown 2007 Corridor Constructors, LLC, a consortium of three Virginia companies, Bryant Contracting, Inc., Curtis Contracting, Inc. and Jack L. Massie Contractor, Inc.

Under the proposal, improvements would include widening Route 199 to four lanes, intersection improvements at Route 31, and realigning the Route 359 entrance to Jamestown Settlement/Island. The work would be done for a fixed price, with a firm construction deadline.

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