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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Seconded By: Action:

**Title: VTrans2035 –
Virginia’s Statewide Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan**

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.1-23.03 of the *Code of Virginia*, the General Assembly of Virginia has directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), with assistance from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, to conduct a comprehensive review of statewide transportation needs in a Statewide Transportation Plan 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 Statewide Transportation Plan shall be updated as needed, but no less than once every five years and promote economic development and all transportation modes, intermodal connectivity, environmental quality, accessibility for people and freight, and transportation safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Statewide Transportation Plan shall establish goals, objectives, and priorities that cover at least a 20-year planning horizon; and,

WHEREAS, in the designation of corridors of statewide significance, the CTB shall not be constrained by local, district, regional or modal plans and the designation of the transportation corridors shall be in sufficient detail so that local jurisdictions can place them on their comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, it is important to educate local governments about the greater role which the CTB envisions for VDOT and DRPT in linking land use with transportation and to solicit the localities input in enhancing this linkage so that local governments can effectively work with the State in planning and zoning within their jurisdictional boundaries and in coordinating planning across jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation created an Executive Oversight Committee, consisting of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation and the heads of the Department of Aviation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Department of Transportation and the Virginia Port Authority to help guide the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan (known as VTrans2035); and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation created a Multimodal Advisory Committee , consisting of staff from the Department of Aviation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Department of Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions and the Federal Highway Administration to provide staff support in developing the VTrans2035; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation created a Subcommittee of the CTB to review and make recommendations on VTrans2035 Investment Priorities and Corridors of Statewide Significance; and,

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee of the CTB provided approved recommendations on VTrans2035 Investment Priorities and Corridors of Statewide Significance to the full CTB on November 18, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, stakeholder and public outreach has been conducted as part of the VTrans2035 development; and,

WHEREAS, the CTB believes the update to the VTrans2035 should be officially accepted as the Statewide Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CTB that VTrans2035 is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VTrans2035 shall be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly as required by § 33.1-23.03 of the *Code of Virginia*; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation develop an action plan to implement the VTrans2035 recommendations to include, but not be limited to: criteria for prioritizing Corridors of Statewide Significance master plans; a plan to align transportation plan updates with Administration cycles; a plan to address Environmental Quality issues as required by law, the development of regional transportation and land use performance measures and goals for urban regions, a plan to educate local governments about the greater role the CTB envisions for VDOT

and DRPT in linking land use with transportation, and the creation of an Integrated Transportation/Land Use Grant Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in development of such action plan the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall coordinate with VDOT, DRPT and other stakeholders; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such action plan shall be provided to the CTB by June 30, 2010.

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