



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 8, 2010

#### MOTION

Made By: Dr. Davis      Seconded By: Mr. McCarthy

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding among the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), and the City of Alexandria for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge (WWB) Fire Protection System Upgrade Design Phase.**

**WHEREAS**, operation of the current fire protection system on the WWB depends on the timely arrival and proper functioning of a fireboat that would pump water from the Potomac River into the standpipe system for use by fire trucks on the bridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria Fire Department is the closest jurisdiction to the attachment point; and,

**WHEREAS**, ownership, operation, inspection, maintenance, and rehabilitation of the WWB are the joint responsibility of VDOT and MSHA in accordance with the September 7, 2001 Agreement Covering the Ownership, Operation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation of the WWB.

**WHEREAS**, VDOT will continue to oversee the completion of the WWB Project for the foreseeable future.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria Fire Department has requested that VDOT design an upgrade to the standpipe system to include a remotely operable, permanent stay-in-place pump system to charge and pressurize the existing dry standpipe system prior to the arrival of fire trucks.

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**WHEREAS**, VDOT, MSHA, and the City of Alexandria have negotiated and drafted a MOU, and associated Project Management Plan, that requires VDOT to provide a design which shall include a complete package of plans, specifications, and estimate of the upgrades to the existing fire protection system on the WWB suitable for procurement with the VDOT construction procurement system.

**WHEREAS**, the DCHSEMA has agreed to provide funding for the design of the upgrades to the existing fire protection system via a subgrant from its Fiscal Year 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Areas Security Initiative.

**WHEREAS**, VDOT, MSHA, and the City of Alexandria will establish a future MOU to address responsibilities for the procurement and installation of the physical system upgrades and the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the complete system and for the funding participation thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the § 33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, by approval of this Resolution, authorizes the Commissioner to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement and any and all documents required to comply with this resolution, with such additions and changes necessary, with the City of Alexandria and MSHA to allow the design of upgrades to the WWB Fire Standpipe System.

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