



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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#### MOTION

**Made By:Mr. Koelemay Seconded By:Mr. Garczynski Action:Motion Carried**

#### **Title: Northern Virginia North-South Corridor of Statewide Significance**

**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**, 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**, at its meeting on December 17, 2009, the CTB accepted an update of the Statewide Transportation Plan, known as VTRANS 2035, and directed additional work as set forth in said resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, designating Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS) is a critical function of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to facilitate coordinated land and transportation planning, project execution, and transportation service delivery across regions and local jurisdictions of the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTB believes that there should be a periodic review and designation of new Corridors of Statewide Significance where and when warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Virginia now ranks among the nation's most congested regions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the population of the Northern Virginia area is expected to grow by 55% by 2035, with much of the growth occurring in Loudoun and Prince William Counties, employment is expected to grow by 74%, and Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled is expected to grow by 123%; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth would benefit from a north-south transportation link between the major transportation corridors of I-95, I-66 and the Dulles Toll Road, including improved access to the major activity centers around Washington Dulles International Airport for passengers and freight from the west and south; and,

**WHEREAS**, a new North-South Corridor in the Northern Virginia Region would be the area generally east and west of the Route 234/Prince William Parkway and the CTB approved location of the Tri-County Parkway between Route 95 and 50, and connections to the Dulles Greenway and Route 7; and,

**WHEREAS**, a new Corridor of Statewide Significance would include the multi-modal north-south links between Loudoun and Prince William Counties that have been identified in the comprehensive plans of Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax Counties (the Comprehensive Plan Alternative of the Tri-County Parkway Location Study) and the Board preferred alternative for the Tri-County Parkway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the need for and benefits of those facilities have been documented in the Tri-County Parkway Location Study; and,

**WHEREAS**, Metrorail extensions into Loudoun County and Virginia Railway Express extensions through Prince William County will offer additional opportunities for future transit connections serving these Counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, limited access facilities in the region will facilitate express bus, bus rapid transit, other transit services and bicycle opportunities between Loudoun and Prince William activity centers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Northern Virginia North-South Corridor of Statewide Significance as referenced herein meets the four key criteria of being multi-modal, connecting major activity centers, carrying high traffic volumes and meeting unique statewide function, including access to Washington Dulles International Airport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the CTB that a new Northern Virginia North-South Corridor of Statewide Significance be designated as set forth herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the CTB that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall work with the CTB or a subcommittee thereof to develop a process for the CTB's consideration of any proposal to change, add or delete a corridor of statewide significance outside of the normal process of updating the Statewide Transportation Plan; and,

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such review shall include input from the Commonwealth's transportation agencies and provide for opportunities for comments from MPOs, PDCs, local governments, stakeholders, and the general public on any proposal to change, add or delete corridors; and that such opportunities shall include at least one public meeting.

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