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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Garczynski

Seconded By: Mr. Layne

Action: Motion Carried

Title: Northern Virginia North-South Corridor Master Plan Study Recognition of Completion

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.1-23.03 of the *Code of Virginia*, the General Assembly has directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board, with the assistance of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP), to conduct a comprehensive review of statewide transportation needs in a Statewide Transportation Plan that sets forth the assessment of capacity needs for all corridors of statewide significance (Corridor 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, on May 18, 2011 in recognition that the designation of Corridors of Statewide Significance is a critical function of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Board designated the Northern Virginia North-South Corridor as a new Corridor of Statewide Significance; and,

WHEREAS, the Corridor Master Plan (CMP) study process may be initiated by a CTB resolution or a request from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, MPOs, PDCs and/or the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment; and,

WHEREAS, the CTB initiated the Northern Virginia North-South Corridor of Statewide Significance CMP study process on October 19, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia North-South CMP followed the Board adopted five step process for studying Corridors of Statewide Significance ("Corridor Master Planning Process" or "CMP process") dated May 19, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CMP process a steering committee and project working group were established to represent the study area's regional stakeholders and public; and,

WHEREAS, the CMP process defined the Northern Virginia North-South Corridor as the area generally east and west of Route 234 (Dumfries Road) between I-95 and I-66, the CTB approved location of the Tri-County Parkway between I-66 and Route 50, and connections to the Dulles Greenway and Route 7 along Northstar Boulevard and Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road); and,

WHEREAS, the alternatives studied addressed multimodal considerations, including transit, bike/pedestrian, and HOV travel, and looked at preserving environmental and community characteristics of the corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the CMP process involved public participation at various stages and public input was extensive, with over 750 individual comments received at the first round of public meetings in Ashburn and Manassas in December 2012 and in Manassas on January 8, 2013.

WHEREAS, the final CMP report was presented to the CTB in April 2013. In developing the CMP report, consultants reviewed and made recommendations that took into consideration statewide goals, the 2040 base line regional and local transportation plans, technical analysis, and public comments. The recommendations are the consultant's view of the necessary improvements to address anticipated transportation challenges in 2040, from the existing information and public input.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board concurs with the Executive Steering Committee's and the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment's "Recognition of Completion" of the Northern Virginia North-South Corridor Master Plan study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that acceptance of the CMP study and its recommendations does not signify CTB endorsement of the recommended and/or identified projects. Any transportation improvements in the corridor will be pursued in close consultation and coordination with the affected local jurisdictions, and the Board intends that no such improvements shall include the tolling of Route 234 or the installation of HOV lanes on Route 234 (Dumfries Road/Prince William Parkway) from I-95 to I-66 and the proposed Route 234 extension (Bi-County Parkway) from I-66 to US 50.

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