



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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***Agenda item # 13***

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**June 18, 2009**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Koelemay Seconded By: Mrs. Connally Action: Motion Carried**

**Title: Action on Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Budgets**  
**Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the**  
**Department of Transportation**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is required by the Code of Virginia Sections 33.1-12(9) and (11) to administer and allocate funds in the Transportation Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33.1-23.03:2 requires portions of the funds collected in the Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 33.1-23.03:1 to be set aside for the Commonwealth Port Fund, the Commonwealth Airport Fund and the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33.1-23.1 A requires the Board to allocate each year from all funds made available for highway purposes such amount as it deems reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of roads within the interstate system of highways, the primary system of state highways, the secondary system of state highways and for city and town street maintenance payments made pursuant to § 33.1-41.1 and payments made to counties which have withdrawn or elect to withdraw from the secondary system of state highways pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:1; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33.1-23.1 B requires the Board to allocate funds for construction on the interstate system of highways, the primary system of state highways, and the secondary system of state highways; and

**WHEREAS**, other sections of the Code of Virginia and the current Appropriation Act requires certain allocations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 896 of the 2007 Virginia Acts of Assembly, known as HB 3202, provides additional revenues and bond authorizations which are also included in the budget and allocated as prescribed; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 781 of the 2009 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Item 462.05, requires a significant reduction in transportation funding for Fiscal Year 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, this same item requires the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to implement actions to carry out the funding reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has provided the Board with a blueprint, which has been updated, on his proposal to carry out the funding reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, the blueprint incorporates and implements revised maintenance program services guidelines and performance standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the blueprint also incorporates and implements the suspensions, reductions, and eliminations of statewide services related to Interstate Maintenance Services, Roadside Services, Safety Service Patrols, Ferry Services, and Rest Areas and Welcome Centers needed to achieve funding reductions, which are generally set forth in the attachment hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven public hearings were held throughout the Commonwealth at which the performance standards, revised maintenance program service guidelines, and suspensions, reductions and eliminations of statewide services was presented and discussed; and

**WHEREAS**, input from those public meetings, as well as input received from various other sources, has been considered by the Commissioner in making his determinations for his plan to achieve the funding reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed and commented upon the blueprint and the Commissioner's plan to achieve the funding reductions, and has also considered the input from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the VDOT Fiscal Year 2010 budget is based on performance standards, revised maintenance program service guidelines and the abovementioned suspensions, and the reductions, and eliminations of statewide services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has established the updated project allocations for the fiscal years 2009-2010 thru 2014-2015 in the Six-Year Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-2100 of the Code of Virginia allows for the Board to review and comment on budget items not specifically enumerated to the Board by statute; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board affirms the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner's actions to carry out the appropriations reductions based on a Comprehensive Plan, which includes the following:

- a. ensure that maintenance and operations of existing highway infrastructure is focused on emergency response, congestion, mitigation, pavement rehabilitation based on the lowest pavement condition ratings, and bridge repair and replacement based on structurally deficient structures;
- b. set service and staffing levels for VDOT programs that have clear and measurable performance requirements;
- c. ensure contractual spending of VDOT funding comprise no less than 70 percent of total VDOT expenditures each fiscal year;
- d. reconfigure, including the elimination and consolidation of organizational units and VDOT facilities, to achieve at least a 30 percent reduction in the number of 1) central office divisions, 2) residency offices, and 3) equipment and repair shops;
- e. as part of the consolidation of organization units, ensure that the supervisory layers between the lowest line staff and the leadership position reporting directly to the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner shall be no more than five;
- f. use an objective methodology on which to base all actions and take no actions until public input has been considered;
- g. ensure that appropriate accountability, compliance, and oversight by auditors is conducted on all programs and functions on a periodic basis; and
- h. have no more than 7,500 full-time positions filled on June 30, 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the planned maintenance and operations program will provide for the following: no more than 18 percent of interstate pavements rated deficient by June 2011; no more than 18 percent of primary pavements rated deficient by June 2013; and no more than 8 percent of bridges and culverts rated as structurally deficient by June 2012.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following services will be adjusted in accordance with the attached exhibits; and

- a. Rest areas will be a minimum 120 mile spacing between sites.
- b. Safety service patrols delivery hours and coverage will be configured to 2001 levels.
- c. Ferry services will be revised to the attached schedule.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner shall have full authority to make adjustments to the Plan as necessary and report such action to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the recommended allocations required by the various statutes and the Commissioner's Plan to achieve funding reductions, as contained in the budgets for the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and the Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 are approved.

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