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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 5, 2009

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Bowie Seconded By: Mr. Martin Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**TITLE: Revised Location Approval Rockhouse Section – Coalfields Expressway
in Buchanan County**

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2000 the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the proposed location of the Coalfields Expressway from Route 23 (at Pound), to the West Virginia State line, in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties (State Project R000-961-101, PE-100):

- (i) The mainline location as segments 159, 118a, 160a, 153a, 158, 108a, 161a, 154, 115, 214, 205, 206, 207, 238a, 303a, and 302, with an extensive effort being made during the design of the Expressway to minimize impacts to the Harman community;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the CTB approved a revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a and major design features of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, from the proposed U.S. 460 Connector interchange west of Bull Gap to the U. S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction, State Project (FO) 0121-013-101, PE-101, Federal Project APD-121-1 (001) as proposed and presented at the Combined Location and Design Public Hearing with approval of the facility as a limited and controlled access facility; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008, the CTB rescinded the March 18, 2004 approval for the revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a, and major design features, Limited and Controlled access designation of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction; and

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WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008, the CTB, approved the location of the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway on new alignment, from the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 of the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway Station 1565+00 and 1645+00. The CTB also designated the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway as noted above as a Limited and Controlled access facility; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a Combined Location and Design Public Hearing was held on November 20, 2008 at the Grundy High School in the Town of Grundy for the purpose of considering the proposed location for the Rockhouse Section of the Coalfields Expressway in Buchanan County, from VA Route 643 to Route 83 at the West Virginia State Line; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the proposed project as presented, and their statements being duly recorded; and

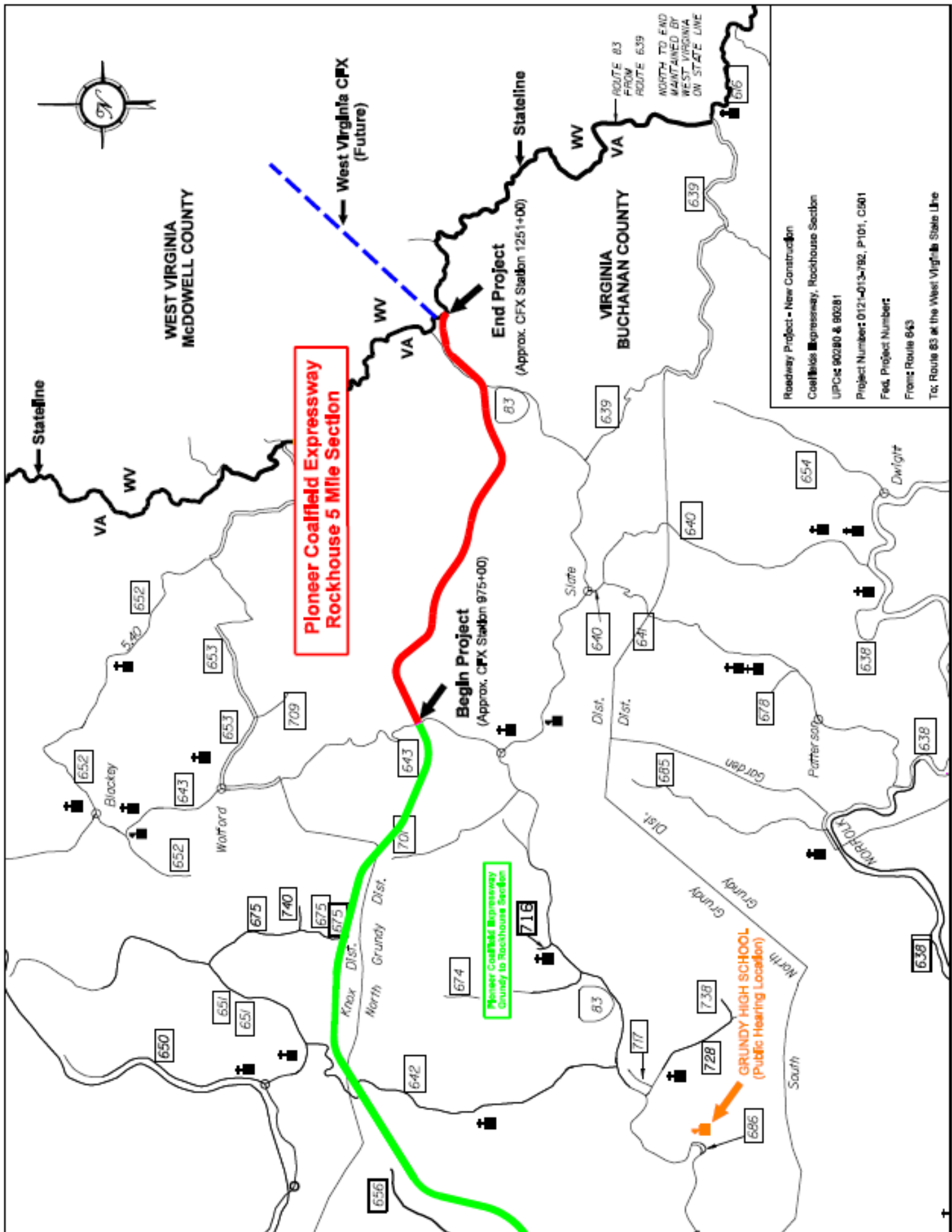
WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the location of the Rockhouse Section of the Coalfields Expressway is approved on new alignment, from Route 643 to Route 83 at the West Virginia State Line between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 975+00 and 1251+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing and indicated on the attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockhouse Section of the Coalfields Expressway is designated as a Limited Access Highway, between Route 643 and Route 83 at the West Virginia State Line between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 975+00 and 1251+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the interest of public safety, pedestrian, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof is prohibited from using the Rockhouse Section of the Coalfields Expressway between Route 643 and Route 83 at the West Virginia State Line between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 975+00 and 1251+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

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**Pioneer Coalfield Expressway
Rockhouse 5 Mile Section**

Begin Project
(Approx. CFX Station 975+00)

End Project
(Approx. CFX Station 1251+00)

**Pioneer Coalfield Expressway
Rockhouse Section**

GRUNDY HIGH SCHOOL
(Public Hearing Location)

Roadway Project - New Construction
 Coalfields Expressway, Rockhouse Section
 UPC#s 90280 & 90281
 Project Number 0121-013-782, P101, C101
 Fed. Project Number:
 From: Route 643
 To: Route 83 at the West Virginia State Line