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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Layne Seconded: Mr. Miller
Action: Motion Carried

Title: Route 460 Corridor Improvement Project: Independent Review Panel
Recommendations to the Board

WHEREAS, in 2003, Chapter 93 of the Code of Virginia required the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to issue a Solicitation for Conceptual Proposals (SFP) for the Route 460 Corridor Project (Project) under the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) (§56-556 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia) and that SFP was issued on February 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, in May 2010, the initial procurement was terminated and a new procurement initiated and VDOT issued a new SFP on May 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2005, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved Candidate Build Alternative alignment 1 (CBA-1) and Modified CBA-1 in January 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the CTB recognizes that the current forecasted revenue projections for the Project indicate a public funding subsidy will be required; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the PPTA and the PPTA Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines), the Secretary of Transportation designated an Independent Review Panel (IRP) to review and evaluate the conceptual proposals submitted by 460 Partners, Inc., Cintra Infraestructuras S.A., and MultiModal Solutions LLC, in response to VDOT's SFP, based upon criteria set forth in the SFP, for the purpose of developing recommendations to the CTB and VDOT, in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the IRP held public meetings to perform its responsibilities at: (1) the J.E.J. Moore Middle School Cafeteria on December 6, 2010, where the three proposers made presentations and the public was provided the opportunity to comment on the proposals; (2) the Windsor High School Auditorium on January 6, 2011, where the three proposers made presentations and the public was provided another opportunity to comment on the proposals; and (3) the Prince George County Board of Supervisors Boardroom on January 13, 2011, where the IRP developed its final recommendations to the CTB and VDOT; and

WHEREAS, proper notice to the public was given in advance of these meetings; and

WHEREAS, the IRP considered public comments, recommendations and comments from impacted jurisdictions, information provided by the proposer teams and VDOT staff; and the three conceptual proposals in the development of its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the IRP presented its recommendations to the CTB at its January 19, 2011 workshop; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all three conceptual proposals should advance to the detailed proposal phase of the procurement process, as each proposal satisfies the minimum intent of the PPTA, the Guidelines, and the SFP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CTB supports the recommendations of the IRP for consideration by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner in implementing the Project:

- The CTB should establish the maximum amount to be provided as the Commonwealth contribution and include in the Request for Detailed Proposals (RFDP).
- The IRP recommends advancing each Offeror's Conceptual Proposal to the next phase of the procurement as each Offeror has been determined through the IRP's evaluation to have significant experience and the financial capacity to develop the proposed Route 460 Corridor Improvements Project.
- VDOT should work closely with the Offerors in the next phase of Project procurement to evaluate innovative financing alternatives and a substantially lower project cost to seek the best value for the Commonwealth.
- VDOT should define the terms and conditions of a concession-based agreement that provide best value for the Commonwealth; provide all technical requirements; and define a base scope that requires the submission by each Offeror of a binding RFDP.
- VDOT should develop a base scope for the Project that substantially reduces the cost of project, substantially improves financial feasibility, responds to design and location concerns expressed by the public, and does not include the tolling of other transportation facilities or fees impacting the Port of Virginia.
- The RFDP should request that proposers fully detail any improvements, modifications, or proposed regulatory actions affecting the existing Route 460 that will be included in the Project, especially those that serve to enhance safety, traffic calming or streetscape improvements, the costs of which should be provided with detailed breakdowns.

- The Commonwealth should continue to advance high speed rail solutions in the region between Petersburg and Suffolk in coordination with the ongoing studies currently being developed by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Based on the current studies and the CTB selected preferred alternative, high speed passenger rail should not be included in the median of the Route 460 Corridor Improvements Project.
- VDOT should work with the local jurisdictions along the Route 460 Corridor to identify additional efficiencies within the proposed Project and the adjacent roadway network in order to maximize access management and connectivity to the community.
- VDOT should employ a robust public involvement process in the continued development of the Project to ensure effective communication, transparency and participation from citizens along the Route 460 Corridor.
- VDOT should work closely with the Offerors to identify innovative designs for each of the Project's termini and utilize the VDOT 2007 Value Engineering study as the basis for consideration in further design development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the Guidelines approved by the CTB in October 2005, pending VDOT review and financial support of one or more of the detailed proposals, the CTB may support appropriate allocations to advance the Project, as part of the Six Year Plan programming process.

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