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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 15, 2011

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Bowie Seconded By: Mr. Martin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Relocation: Interstate Route 73
In the Martinsville and Henry County Area**

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the alignment for I-73 as the location for further development of this corridor in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Board of Supervisors requested that the CTB and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) reconsider the designated route for I-73 through Henry County to better serve a number of existing and future businesses in Henry County and to make more effective use of a portion of the current Route 58 bypass, and to foster economic development potential in the area; and

WHEREAS, based on the request from Henry County the CTB, in a resolution dated June 19, 2008, directed VDOT to evaluate the Henry County proposed alternative route; and

WHEREAS, VDOT engaged a consulting engineering firm to evaluate the proposed alignment shift, and the enhancement and detriments of such an alignment shift as identified by the consultant were presented to the CTB at its meeting on November 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 17, 2009, the CTB directed VDOT to work with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to conduct the required public involvement, conduct the necessary studies, and secure the necessary approval, to consider shifting the

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location of the alignment, and to bring the results of these studies to the CTB for further action as may be considered by the CTB; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the CTB, a Location Public Hearing was held March 29, 2011 at the Laurel Park Middle School, for the purpose of considering a shift in the approved alignment of I-73 limited to an area east of the City of Martinsville and wholly contained within Henry County from Route 890/108 in Figsboro to Route 87 in Ridgeway, State Project 0073-962-F01, PE101; 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 considered by the CTB; 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 evidence, has been carefully reviewed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the alignment for I-73 approved July 15, 2004 be amended and the location of the route be modified to incorporate the Henry County Alternative as identified at the March 29, 2011 Location Public Hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Virginia Department of Transportation continue to work with FHWA to finalize the study and secure federal approval of the new location.

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