



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item # 5*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 16, 2011

### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Layne      Seconded By: Dr. Davis**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

### **Title: Approval of National Fire Protection Association 502 Standard for State-owned Roadway Bridges and Tunnels**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 341 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly exempted roadway tunnels and bridges owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) from the Commonwealth's Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act (§ 27-94 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*); and

**WHEREAS**, § 36-98.1 (B) of the *Code of Virginia* requires roadway tunnels and bridges to be designed, constructed, and operated to comply with fire safety standards based on nationally recognized model codes and standards to be developed by VDOT in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, VDOT has determined that the *National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 502: Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways, 2011 Edition*, as they may be amended from time to time, are the appropriate fire safety standards for roadway tunnels and bridges owned by VDOT/the Commonwealth.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby approves the *National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 502 Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways, 2011 Edition*, and any subsequent amendments or updates thereto, as the fire safety standards that are appropriate for, and that VDOT will utilize, in the design, construction and operation, including but not limited to emergency response operations, of roadway tunnel structures and bridges owned by VDOT/the Commonwealth.

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