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Agenda item # 1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 15, 2012

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Koelemay Seconded By: Mr. Sterling
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Department of the Army (DOA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the City of Alexandria, Virginia (City) for the Design and Construction of Roadway Improvements Near Fort Belvoir Mark Center

WHEREAS, an interim operational improvements analysis performed by VDOT's Mega Projects consultant indicates a significant increase in Department of Defense generated traffic and congestion due to the planned relocation of approximately 6,400 employees to the Mark Center development in the City of Alexandria; and,

WHEREAS, the analysis recommended seven "spot" improvements consisting of additional turn lanes on Seminary Road, Beauregard Street, Mark Center Drive and the I-395/Seminary Road interchange rotary, minor widening of the northbound I-395 off-ramp and southbound on-ramp at Seminary Road and a pedestrian bridge over Seminary Road; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT is the State agency with administrative oversight, maintenance and jurisdictional authority for three of the seven recommended Mark Center Roadway Improvements once completed and accepted into the systems of state highways; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT, DOA, FHWA and the City have agreed that the FHWA, using funds provided by DOA, will design and construct the Mark Center Roadway Improvements in accordance with FHWA, VDOT, and AASHTO road construction standards and specifications; and,

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WHEREAS, the FHWA has agreed to administer, prepare and obtain approvals of environmental documentation, design, utility relocation and construction of the Mark Center Roadway Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT has agreed to use DOA Project funds to acquire title to property not owned by the Army but necessary for construction of the improvements and to pay for other VDOT costs and expenditures relating to the Mark Center Roadway Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, all Parties have agreed to cooperate to ensure the satisfactory and timely completion of the Mark Center Roadway Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT, DOA, FHWA and the City jointly drafted a Memorandum of Agreement indicating the responsibilities of each party in executing the Mark Center Roadway Improvements, a draft of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the § 33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, with such additions and changes as necessary, with DOA, FHWA, and the City for the execution of the Mark Center Roadway Improvements.

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