

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 17, 2013

MOTION

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

<u>Title: Proposed Limited Access Control Change (LACC)</u>
<u>Interstate 395 and Seminary Road Interchange</u>

<u>Mark Center Short and Mid Term Improvement Project</u>
City of Alexandria

WHEREAS, in accordance with §33.1-18 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a Design Hearing was held at the Francis C. Hammond Middle School Foyer, Alexandria, Virginia on Thursday, November 7, 2012, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering proposed State Highway Project 0395-100-746, P-101, R-201, M-501; and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) is preparing to construct short and mid-term roadway improvements identified by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project improvements are being implemented in response to the immediate need to provide additional capacity to mitigate traffic congestion on the local road network anticipated with occupancy of the Mark Center by Department of Defense (DoD) organizations (BRAC-133); and,

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements involve widening of I-395 on and off ramps to provide new right turn lanes and dual left turn lanes, construction of new deceleration and/or

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acceleration ramps and dedicated right turn lanes, construction of a pedestrian bridge over Seminary Road along the Seminary Road corridor between I-395 and N. Beauregard Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and shifting the existing limited access control as part of the design feature of the project; 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 City of Alexandria has endorsed the project as presented at that public hearing by a resolution from the City Council, adopted December 14, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, this project is in compliance with NEPA requirements and a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines; and,

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

WHEREAS, the FHWA has provided the requisite approval for State Highway Project 0395-100-746, P-101, R-201, M-501 and the proposed LACC; and,

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1956, the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, designated the Interstate Highway System to be Limited Access Highways and in accordance with §33.1-58 of the *Code of Virginia*, (1950), as amended, established that the limited access line locations and limits shall be as shown on the final engineering plans for the original highway project construction on the interstates, including I-395 (Originally I-95); and,

WHEREAS, I-95, formerly Route 350, Shirley Memorial Highway was designated as a Limited Access Highway by the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on August 24, 1944; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the CTB, that the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein and directs that the I-395 and Seminary Road Interchange continue to be designated as a Limited Access Highway with the Limited Access Control being modified from the current locations as follows:

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That the existing limited access control line along the north side of the Seminary Road westbound lane be shifted to the north, from a point opposite approximate Station 711+88 (WB Seminary Road construction baseline) and continuing west along the north side of the Seminary Road westbound lane to a point opposite approximate Station 117+84 (WB Seminary Road construction baseline).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement such changes.

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