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Agenda item # 8

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 17, 2013

MOTION

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

Title: Proposed Limited Access Control Changes (LACC)
Jubal Early Drive, Access Management Improvement Project
City of Winchester

WHEREAS, Jubal Early Drive, formerly Proposed Southern Loop, as depicted on plans for projects U000-138-103, C501 and U000-138-102, C501, in the City of Winchester, was designated as a Limited Access Highway by the State Highway and Transportation Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), on February 19, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, in connection with the projects U000-138-103, C-501 and U000-138-102, C-501, the Commonwealth acquired certain lands and limited access easements from various landowners, and established certain limited access control as a design feature of the said projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Winchester, by letter from the City Manager dated August 22, 2012, has requested limited access control changes (LACC) along the Jubal Early Drive corridor to accommodate proposed access management improvements under the Millwood Avenue Public Improvement Plan dated June 4, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements involves the closure of Millwood Avenue, an urban street under the jurisdiction of the City of Winchester, and the construction of a right turn lane on Jubal Early Drive, a right slip lane from Jubal Early Drive onto Apple Blossom Drive, and a right in/right out entrance on Jubal Early Drive mid-block between Apple Blossom Drive

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and Pleasant Valley Road, and shifting, shortening, and/or extending the existing limited access control along the Jubal Early Drive Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted in the *Winchester Star* newspaper, June 15, 2012 and June 29, 2012, in advance of a public hearing that was conducted by the City of Winchester on July 17, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, all those present were given full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the proposed improvement and LACC as presented, and their statements being duly recorded; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Winchester has endorsed the proposed improvements and LACC as presented at that public hearing by a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Winchester, adopted July 17, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Winchester has worked with adjacent property owners to acquire the necessary rights of way to allow the required adjustments in the limited access right of way lines to facilitate the proposed turn lane improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is working with the City of Winchester to transfer right of way ownership to the City of Winchester for the section of Millwood Avenue that is proposed for closure; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT staff has determined there will be no adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed LACC; and,

WHEREAS, Staunton District has determined that the proposed improvements and LACC along the Jubal Early Drive corridor are appropriate from a safety and traffic control standpoint and provide for better traffic management than the closure of Millwood Avenue and the utilization of the existing remaining street network without improvements, and,

WHEREAS, to determine the long term improvement needs of the Exit 313 interchange, VDOT is advancing an Interchange Modification Report (IMR) study at I-81 Exit 313, which is located immediately adjacent to this LACC request; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined no compensation shall be due to VDOT in consideration of the proposed limited access control changes, due to the transportation benefit of the proposed improvements, however, compensation in an amount determined by the State Right of Way and Utilities Director will be required for the new driveway entrance; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed LACC is in compliance with Title 24, Section 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of §33.1-58 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the CTB hereby finds and concurs with the determinations made by VDOT, and approves the said LACC for public street purposes as set forth below, and subject to the above referred conditions:

That the existing limited access control line along the north side of Jubal Early Drive westbound lane be shifted to the north approximately an additional 14 feet, from a point opposite Station 104+50.00 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline) and continuing west along the north side of Jubal Early Drive westbound lane to the proposed new end limited access point at a point opposite Station 108+66.73 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline), to allow for the construction of a right turn lane for westbound Jubal Early traffic turning right onto Apple Blossom Drive.

That the existing limited access control line along the north side of Jubal Early Drive westbound lane be extended further east from the proposed shifted limited access end point opposite Station 104+50.00 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline) as identified above, to a point opposite Station 100+55.30 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline), as a result of closing the section of westbound Millwood Avenue at Jubal Early Drive.

That the existing limited access control line along the north side of Jubal Early Drive and the east side of Apple Blossom Drive formerly Relocated Millwood Avenue, from a point opposite Station 10+02.38 (Reloc. Millwood Ave. construction centerline) be shortened to the proposed new end limited access point opposite Station 108+66.73 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline), as a result of constructing the right turn lane as identified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of §33.1-58 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the CTB hereby finds and concurs with the determinations made by VDOT, and approves the said LACC as set forth below, and subject to the conditions and compensation described herein:

That there be a break in the existing limited access control line along the north side of Jubal Early Drive westbound lane of from a point opposite Station 113+10.00 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline) to a point opposite Station 114+10.00 (Prop. Southern Loop construction centerline), to construct a right in/right out driveway entrance on the north side of Jubal Early Drive.

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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