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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 20, 2013

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Garczynski **Seconded By: Ms. Fisher**
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Modification of the June 15, 2006, Location Approval
for the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass
Prince William County**

WHEREAS, the Manassas National Battlefield Bypass Study was documented in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and jointly approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Park Service (NPS) on January 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2006, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board), gave approval for location of the Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass (Bypass), designating Candidate Build Alternative D as the preferred location for the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board stipulated as part of their location approval for the Bypass (see attached 2006 Board Resolution) that it would not agree to the abandonment and closure of Routes 29 or 234 currently transecting Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) unless and until the Bypass and all other necessary regional transportation system improvements, mitigation, and other conditions are complete; and

WHEREAS, the TCP corridor overlaps with the Bypass corridor in the vicinity of MNBP and Manassas Battlefield Historic District (MBHD), from I-66 at US 29 and Pageland Lane to the intersection with Route 234 at Catharpin; and

WHEREAS, since this overlap section serves the same purpose as that of Route 234 currently transecting through the MNBP and the TCP project will be constructed prior to the construction of the Bypass project, the contemplated abandonment and closure of portions of Route 234 should no longer be conditioned upon the completion of the Bypass or other regional transportation system improvements, mitigation and other conditions on the Bypass project.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board shall allow for the abandonment of portions of Route 234 transecting the MNBP as part of the TCP project and shall not require the completion of the Bypass or any other necessary regional transportation system improvements, mitigation, and other conditions prior to such abandonment and that the abandonment action may commence upon the completion and opening to traffic that portion of the TCP between Route 66 and the proposed intersection with existing Route 234 near Catharpin.

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