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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 20, 2013

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Matney

Seconded By: Mr. Peake

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Revised Location Approval, Section II – Coalfields Expressway
in Wise, Dickenson and Buchanan Counties**

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2000 the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the proposed location of the Coalfields Expressway (CFX) from Route 23 (at Pound), to the West Virginia State line, in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties (State Project R000-961-101, PE-100):

- (i) The mainline location as segments 159, 118a, 160a, 153a, 158, 108a, 161a, 154, 115, 214, 205, 206, 207, 238a, 303a, and 302, with an extensive effort being made during the design of the Expressway to minimize impacts to the Harman community;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the CTB approved the revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a and major design features of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, from the proposed U.S. 460 Connector interchange west of Bull Gap to the U. S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction, State Project (FO) 0121-013-101, PE-101, Federal Project APD-121-1 (001) as proposed and presented at the Combined Location and Design Public Hearing with approval of the facility as a limited and controlled access facility; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008, the CTB rescinded the March 18, 2004 approval for the revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a, and major design features, Limited and Controlled access designation of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008, the CTB approved the location of the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway on new alignment, from the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway Station 1565+00 and 1645+00. The CTB also designated the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway as noted above as a Limited and Controlled access facility; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2009, the CTB, approved the location of the Rockhouse Section of the Coalfields Expressway on new alignment, from Route 643 to Route 83 at the West Virginia Line between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 975+00 and 1251+00. The CTB also designated the Rockhouse Section of the Coalfields Expressway as noted above as a Limited and Controlled access facility; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a Location Public Hearing was held on August 13, 2012 at the Central High School in Wise County and on August 14, 2012 at the Russell Prater Elementary School in Buchanan County between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the proposed location for Section II of the Coalfields Expressway, from the east end of the proposed Pound Bypass, Section I near its connection with Route 83 in Wise County to the proposed Route 460 Connector in Buchanan County; 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 economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the location of Section II of the Coalfields Expressway is approved on new alignment, from the east end of the proposed Pound Bypass, Section I near its connection with Route 83 in Wise County to the proposed Route 460 Connector in Buchanan County, as proposed and presented at the public hearing and indicated on the attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section II of the Coalfields Expressway is designated as a Limited Access Highway from Route 83 in Wise County to the proposed Route 460 Connector in Buchanan county, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the interest of public safety, pedestrian, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof are prohibited from using Section II of the Coalfields Expressway between Route 83 in Wise County to the proposed Route 460 Connector in Buchanan County, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

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