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Agenda item # 4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 17, 2013

MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Ellis Seconded By: Mr. Louderback
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

Title: Location Approval for the US 460 Bypass Interchange and Southgate Drive Relocation, in the Town of Blacksburg

Rescinding Action of January 17, 2002

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a location public hearing for the Hubbard Country Club Southgate Connector project in the Town of Blacksburg to, in part, establish a new grade separated interchange at the intersection of US 460 Bypass and Southgate Drive; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on January 17, 2002, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) adopted a resolution approving the location of the Hubbard Country Club Southgate Connector, which included an interchange improvement at US 460 Bypass and Southgate Drive; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the CTB action in January, 2002, VDOT in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has studied making improvements to the existing signalized at-grade intersection of US 460 Bypass at Southgate Drive, with those improvements at a location between approximately 0.3 and 0.4 miles south of the existing intersection and previous location approval, State Project 0460-150-204, P101, R201, C501, B601; and

WHEREAS, the US 460 Bypass Interchange and Southgate Drive Relocation location study was documented in an Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and approved for public availability by FHWA on April 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the CTB, a location public hearing was held May 8, 2013 at the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center in the Town of Blacksburg, for the purpose of considering the location of the US 460 Bypass Interchange and Southgate Drive Relocation; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present 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 evidence, has been carefully reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the CTB has determined it should approve an alternative location for this interchange and should therefore rescind its January 17, 2002 resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the previous action taken by the CTB on January 17, 2002 be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the location for the US 460 Bypass Interchange and Southgate Drive Relocation be located as presented at the May 8, 2013 Location Public Hearing and studied in the Environmental Assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that the VDOT continue to work with FHWA to finalize the study and secure federal approval of the new location.

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