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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Garczynski Seconded By: Mr. Layne

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Interstate 66 Corridor

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration entered into a Memorandum of Agreement outlining the roles of each agency and the decisions to be made following completion of the Tier 1 Study of the Interstate 66 Corridor from US Route 15 in Prince William to Interstate 495 in Fairfax County pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Tier 1 Study of Interstate 66 presents concepts based on a systems level analysis that focuses on broad issues such as purpose and need, travel modes, technology choices, and general location of multi-modal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and numerous other state and federal agencies, conducted a study and a Tier I Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published and circulated for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Tier I Draft Environmental Impact Statement evaluates the effectiveness of both highway and transit improvements in meeting the identified needs of transportation capacity deficiencies, major points of congestion, limited travel mode choices, safety deficiencies, and lack of transportation predictability in the Interstate 66 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, public meetings and public hearings were conducted to present the underlying study results; and

WHEREAS, the study identified ten improvement concepts as follows:

1. General Purpose Lanes;
2. Managed Lanes;
3. Metrorail Extension;
4. Light Rail Transit;
5. Bus Rapid Transit;
6. VRE Extension;
7. Improve Spot Locations/Chokepoints;
8. Intermodal Connectivity;
9. Safety Improvements;
10. Transportation Communication and Technology; and

WHEREAS, the study indicated that the improvement concepts address the needs identified to varying degrees but further indicated that no concept as a stand-alone concept fully satisfies the purpose and need of the study; and

WHEREAS, the study analyzed improvement concepts in combination or as scenarios to assess potential impacts and to evaluate how various combinations of improvements meet the needs in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board believes that a number of the concepts studied should be advanced for further study.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the following improvement concepts be advanced for further consideration and for detailed study in subsequent Tier 2 studies at such time as these studies are initiated:

1. General Purpose Lanes;
2. Managed Lanes;
3. Bus Rapid Transit;
4. Improve Spot Locations/Chokepoints;
5. Intermodal Connectivity;
6. Safety Improvements;
7. Transportation Communication and Technology

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration shall finalize the Tier I Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement.

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