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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Sterling Seconded By: Mr. Dana Martin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Memorandum of Understanding, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg Districts

WHEREAS, The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail was established in 1983 by an act of Congress that amended the National Trails System Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has requested an MOU as part of their long-distance trail effort outlined in the 2007 Virginia Outdoors Plan and the 2009 Greenways and Trails Task Force report; and

WHEREAS, an MOU will establish a formal means of cooperation between VDOT, specifically the Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg Districts, DCR, the Virginia Tourism Authority, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Office, which is part of the National Parks Service (NPS), Department of the Interior;

WHEREAS, the goal of the MOU is to provide and promote a seamless experience of the Trail network within the Commonwealth for both residents and visitors, grounded in the national significance of the Trail corridor; and establishing physical and thematic continuity between and among segments of the Trail in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia district staff have twice sent letters of support to the NPS for this trail, in 2008 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the MOU will provide support for this trail for a ten year period, rather than requiring letters of support to be written every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.(a)(11) of the National Trails System Act, as amended in 1983 and codified at 16 U.S.C. § 1244 (a) (11), designating a general alignment for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail; Section 7. (e) of the same Act, codified at 16 U.S.C. 1246, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to “enter into such agreements with landowners, States, local governments, private organizations, and individuals for the use of lands for trail purposes...”; Section 814(g) of Div. I, Title VIII, of P.L. 104-333 (Nov. 12, 1996), codified at 16 U.S.C. §1; the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, 92 Stat. 3 (1978); Section 204 of Title II of the National Parks Omnibus Act of 1998, codified at 16 U.S.C. §5934 as amended; and §33.12 (5) of the *Code of Virginia*, that the entry of the Virginia Department of Transportation into a Memorandum of Understanding with the agencies named above, is approved and the Commonwealth Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, this Memorandum of Understanding and any and all other documents necessary to comply with this resolution.

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