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Agenda Item # 16

**RESOLUTION
OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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MOTION**

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

**Title: Adoption of Priorities for Northern Virginia Transportation District Significant
Projects Evaluation and Rating**

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.1-13.03:1 of the *Code of Virginia*, enacted by the Virginia General Assembly in 2012, the Virginia Department Of Transportation (VDOT) is directed, in ongoing coordination with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), to evaluate significant transportation projects, including highway, mass transit, and technology projects, in and near Northern Virginia Transportation District, (hereinafter the Northern Virginia Transportation District Significant Projects Evaluation and Rating) to the extent funds are available for such purpose; and,

WHEREAS, § 33.1-13.03:1 provides that the evaluation shall provide an objective, quantitative rating for each project according to the degree to which the project is expected to reduce congestion and, to the extent feasible, the degree to which the project is expected to improve regional mobility in the event of a homeland security emergency; and,

WHEREAS, § 33.1-13.03:1 further provides that in determining the allocation of highway construction funding in Northern Virginia Transportation District, the CTB shall, in ongoing coordination with the NVTA, give priority to projects that most effectively reduce congestion in the most congested corridors and intersections but that nothing in the section limits the ability of the CTB to consider other criteria, including the performance-based criteria set forth in § 15.2-4838; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.1-13.03:1 the significant projects to be evaluated shall comprise at least 25 such projects selected according to priorities determined by the CTB, in ongoing coordination with the NVTA, without regard to the funding source of the project, and;

WHEREAS, the projects to be evaluated may include but not be limited to projects included in (i) the version of the Constrained Long Range Plan of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board in effect when the evaluation is made; (ii) projects in the NVTA's TransAction 2030 Regional Transportation Plan and subsequent updates; and (iii) other highway,

rail, bus and technology projects that could make a significant impact on mobility in the region;
and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 766 (HB2313) of the 2013 Acts of Assembly, 70 percent of the revenues received by the NVT A under §15.2-4838.1 shall be used by the NVT A solely to fund (i) transportation projects selected by the Authority that are contained in the regional transportation plan adopted by the NVT A in accordance with § 15.2-4830 and for purposes of revenues received after fiscal year 2014, for such projects that have been rated in accordance with § 33.1-13.03:1 or (ii) mass transit capital projects that increase capacity; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has hired a consultant to assist the Department in performing the Northern Virginia Transportation District Significant Projects Evaluation and Rating and requires direction from the CTB regarding the priorities to be used in selecting the significant transportation projects to be evaluated and rated pursuant to § 33.1-13.03:1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.1-23.03 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB, by resolution, on February 20, 2013, officially accepted VTrans2035 Update as the Statewide Transportation Plan, which among other things, sets forth investment priorities that “represent the range of activities necessary to achieve the VTrans Goals” (hereinafter “VTrans Investment Priorities”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the CTB, that the following VTrans Investment Priorities set forth in the VTrans2035 Update as amended by this resolution are hereby adopted by the CTB as the CTB priorities to be used for and applied in selecting the significant transportation projects to be evaluated and rated pursuant to § 33.1-13.03:1 :

- Preserve and Enhance Statewide Mobility Through the Region
- Increase Coordinated Safety and Security Planning
- Improve the Interconnectivity of Regions and Activity Centers
- Reduce the Costs of Congestion to Virginia’s Residents and Businesses
- Increase System Performance by Making Operational Improvements
- Increase Travel Choices to Improve Quality of Life for Virginians

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, based on the priorities identified herein, VDOT and DRPT shall recommend to the CTB, at its March, 2014 meeting, a minimum of 25 significant transportation projects that should be evaluated and rated in accordance with § 33.1-13.03:1.

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