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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fralin Seconded By: Mr. Martin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Delegation of Authority to the Commissioner of Highways to Enter into a Partnership Agreement Between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for the Administration of the I-81 Multistate Corridor Operation and Management Program Grant

WHEREAS, the I-81 Corridor Coalition and its member agencies have established a framework for cooperation and coordination of public and private stakeholders along the I-81 Corridor through the I-81 Corridor Coalition Project and the I-81 Multistate Corridor Operation and Management (MCOM) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the I-81 Corridor Coalition and its member agencies have jurisdictional authority and maintenance responsibility for the I-81 Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, a grant proposal was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) seeking funding for the I-81 MCOM Program and the I-81 Corridor Coalition Project in accordance with SAFETEA-LU Section 5101 and FHWA has approved the proposal and agreed to provide grant funding for the I-81 MCOM Program and the I-81 Corridor Coalition Project ("MCOM Program grant") in the form of reimbursements to Virginia for 80% of the allowable costs incurred in the performance of work consistent with the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is the agency designated as the administrative entity for the I-81 Corridor Coalition to oversee the administration of the MCOM Program grant; and,

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WHEREAS, VDOT has agreed to obtain federal funds through FHWA, and use said funds for the I-81 Corridor Coalition Project and for the oversight and administration of the I-81 MCOM Program grant; and,

WHEREAS, various entities, including the I-81 Corridor Coalition member agencies, have been identified as sources for contribution of 20% of the allowable costs incurred in the performance of work, the non-Federal/ state match required under the I-81 MCOM Program grant; and,

WHEREAS, all parties, including the I-81 Coalition and its members, have agreed to cooperate to ensure the satisfactory and timely coordination of the I-81 Corridor Coalition Project and administration of the I-81 MCOM Program grant; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration are jointly drafting/developing a Partnership Agreement between VDOT and FHWA indicating the responsibilities of each party in executing the I-81 MCOM Program grant, a preliminary draft of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with the United States government and other states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to §33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Highways or his designee to enter into a Partnership Agreement, with such changes and additions deemed necessary by the Commissioner, with the Federal Highway Administration for VDOT's administration and oversight of the I-81 MCOM Program grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to §33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Highways or his designee to enter into agreements with other I-81 Corridor Coalition member states, to the extent necessary, to effectuate the Partnership Agreement with FHWA and to procure the non-Federal/ state match funding required for the MCOM Program grant.

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