

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 9, 2015

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Malbon, Seconded By: Ms. Valentine Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Approval of Proposed Limited Access Control Changes</u>
(LACCs) for Interstate 564 Intermodal Connector Project

<u>City of Norfolk</u>

WHEREAS, a Design Public Hearing was held at Sewells Point Elementary School in Norfolk, Virginia on August 25, 2015, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm for the purpose of considering the proposed State Highway Project 0564-122-284, R201, C-501, B609, B610, B612, B611, B608, B607, UPC 104000 and State Project R000-122-108, P101, R201, UPC 18968 ("I-564 Intermodal Connector Project" or "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project involves design and construction of a new 2.82-mile, four-lane limited access highway in the City of Norfolk, from Interstate 564 (I-564) to Virginia Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1956, the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), designated the Interstate Highway System to be Limited Access Highways and in accordance with §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia*, established that the limited access line locations and limits shall be as shown on the final engineering plans for the original highway project construction on the interstates, including I-564.

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WHEREAS, the Project consists of the design and construction of a divided connector from I-564 to Naval Station Norfolk (NSN) and to Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) in order to improve traffic flow in the Hampton roads region, including new bridges and local connectors and reconfiguring a Commercial Vehicle Inspection Station (CVIS) for Naval Station Norfolk (NSN), relocating the NSN Gate 6 (entry control point) and the NSN Patrol Road, constructing a new access road to the Virginia Port Authority's North Gate Terminal, and to shift the existing limited access control of I-564 and to establish new limited access control along the Intermodal Connector as part of the design features of the project (collectively, the Limited Access Control Changes or LACCs); and

WHEREAS, proper notice of the Design Public Hearing was given in advance, and all those present were 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 duly examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, including the traffic analysis supported by the Interchange Justification Report, approved by the FHWA on August 14, 2013, has been carefully reviewed; and

WHEREAS, this project is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and an Environmental Assessment has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in accordance with federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk's Director of Public Works has, by letter dated October 7, 2015, endorsed the project and the proposed LACCs as presented at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA and Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) have provided the requisite approval for State Highway Projects 0564-122-284, R201, C-501, B609, B610, B612, B611, B608, B607, UPC 104000 and State Highway Project R000-122-108, P101, R201, UPC 18968 and the proposed LACCs; and

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends approval of the modification of the Limited Access Control along I-564 and the establishment of Limited Access Control along the Intermodal Connector, as shown on the Design Public Hearing Plans and the attached displays and the limited access control point table.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the CTB, that the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein and directs that the I-564 corridor continue to be designated as a Limited Access Highway and designates the Intermodal Connector as a Limited Access Highway with the Limited Access Control being modified and/or

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established as proposed and presented at the public hearing and shown on the attached limited access control point table.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement such changes.

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