



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda Item # 12*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**February 18, 2015**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Cole, Seconded By: Mr. Garczynski**

**Action: Motion Carried**

#### **Title: Revised Location Approval for Route 460 Improvements**

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2005 the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the proposed location of the Route 460 Improvements project from Interstate 295 to Route 58 in the counties of Prince George, Sussex, Surry, Southampton, Isle of Wight and the City of Suffolk, State Project 0460-969-101,P101; and

**WHEREAS**, a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on September 18, 2014 for the consideration of additional alternatives to the approved location for the Route 460 improvements project; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the CTB, Location Public Hearings were held in the counties of Isle Wight and Prince George on October 27 at the Windsor High School in the Town of Windsor, on October 29 at the Wakefield Foundation in the Town of Wakefield and on October 30, 2014 at J.E.J. Moore Middle School in Disputanta for the purpose of considering additional alternatives and their potential impacts as documented in the Draft SEIS; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations on the alternatives under consideration, and their statements being duly recorded and considered by the CTB; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the evaluated alternatives have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration amongst VDOT, FHWA and USACE resulted in the recommendation for a Preferred Alternative that is comprised of elements of studied alternatives and which was influenced by the inability to fund an alternative as evaluated in the Draft SEIS in its entirety and the desire to select a Preferred Alternative that minimizes wetland impacts while still effectively meeting the overall project purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 2015 CTB meeting the recommended Preferred Alternative presented improves existing Route 460 from west of Zuni to west of Windsor then from west of Windsor to US Route 58 a new four-lane divided highway running north around Windsor and then south of the existing Route 460 from east of Windsor to a new system-to-system interchange with free-flow ramps at US Route 58; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no intention to pursue corridor improvements west of the recommended Preferred Alternative.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the location of this project be approved as presented to the CTB at their January 13, 2015 meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the No-Build alternative is approved for the Route 460 corridor from west of Zuni to the western terminus within the Draft SEIS study area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the new location of Route 460 from west of Windsor to the new interchange at US Route 58 be designated as a limited access facility with determinations regarding access being made during the development of the project's design and in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Virginia Department of Transportation continue to work with state and federal agencies to minimize impacts and to acquire the necessary permits.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the resolution of this Board dated November 17, 2005 granting Location Approval for the Route 460 Improvements is hereby rescinded.

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