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Agenda item #11

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 15, 2015

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Williams, Seconded By: Mr. Rosen

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Authorization to Enter Into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Department of the Army Fort Lee Garrison, and the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-EFLHD) for the Fort Lee Back Gate – Lee Avenue and State Route 36 Intersection Improvement Project in Prince George County.

WHEREAS, the 2005 Federal Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) resulted in the construction of over 7,000,000 square feet of new building space and the relocation of over 16,000 persons to Fort Lee, Virginia between 2005 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, to assist in offsetting the transportation impact of this BRAC-related action, improvements at the intersection of Route 36 and Lee Avenue will be made to facilitate traffic movement from Route 36 onto Lee Avenue and at the intersection overall, thereby improving the traffic operations of the Lee Avenue/Back Gate at Fort Lee (Project) in Prince George County: and

WHEREAS, the FHWA-EFLHD has agreed to provide over \$1.77 million in Federal Demonstration Funds for this Project, and the Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has prioritized and allocated over \$977,000 in federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding for this Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is expected to provide additional funding of \$244,469 as state match to the RSTP funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA-EFLHD has agreed to administer the Project on behalf of Fort Lee; and

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WHEREAS, a MOA, a draft of which is attached hereto, was prepared to identify the responsibilities of the FHWA-EFLHD, VDOT, and the Department of the Army relating to this Project; and

WHEREAS, VDOT's responsibilities include development developing, approving, and, if necessary, revising roadway and traffic design plans; obtaining the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit for the project; monitoring construction and accepting the completed project for maintenance; and securing from the Commonwealth Transportation Board authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between VDOT, the Department of the Army and FHWA-EFLHD between the Parties referenced above for the State Route 36/ Lee Avenue Intersection Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA-EFLHD has agreed to administer, prepare and obtain approvals of environmental documentation; relocate utilities; advertise the project, evaluate bids, and award construction contracts; and administer construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, VDOT is the State agency with administrative oversight, maintenance and jurisdictional authority for State Route 36; and

WHEREAS, all Parties have agreed to cooperate to ensure satisfactory and timely completion of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to authority granted by § 33.2-221(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, with such additions and changes as necessary, with FHWA-EFLHD and the Department of the Army for the execution of the Project described herein.

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