

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #9

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 16, 2015

MOTION

<u>Made By:</u> Mr. Martin, <u>Seconded By:</u> Choose an item. <u>Action:</u> Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Proposed Limited Access Control Change</u> <u>Interstate 95 Exit Ramp at Route 301 (Exit 45)</u> <u>Prince George County</u>

WHEREAS, Interstate 95 (I-95) was designated as a Limited Access Highway by the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), on October 4, 1956; and

WHEREAS, in connection with Interstate 95, State Highway Project 0095-074-014 (R/W), the Commonwealth acquired certain lands and limited access control from Louis Joseph Malon, by Deed dated January 18, 1958, recorded in Deed Book 162, Page 24, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Prince George in partnership with the Cameron Foundation has designed a gateway enhancement and beautification project at the southbound I-95 exit ramp (Exit 45) at Route 301 in Prince George County; and

WHEREAS, the project involves landscaping at the end of the southbound exit ramp (Exit 45) and the construction of two gateway structures (Spires) along Route 301 north of the exit ramp and shifting the existing limited access line to accommodate the location of the spires within the existing right of way of Route 301 but outside of the proposed limited access line; and

WHEREAS, the County of Prince George, by letter from the County Administrator dated July 1, 2015, supports the limited access control change; and

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WHEREAS, VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have determined that a southerly shift in the northern I-95 southbound exit ramp (Exit 45) at Route 301 existing limited access line, beginning from a point on the existing right of way and limited access line 69.00 feet opposite Station 3+00 (Ramp 'D' construction centerline); thence, to a point 69.00 feet opposite Station 2+13 (Ramp "D" construction centerline); thence, to a point 32.00 feet opposite Station 282+00 (Route 301 construction centerline); thence, to the limited access control terminus point on the existing right of way line, 50.00 feet opposite Station 282+00 (Route 301 construction centerline), as shown on an exhibit title, "Attachment A, Proposed Limited Access Control Changes, Route 301/I-95", is appropriate from a traffic engineering design standpoint; and

WHEREAS, VDOT's Richmond District and FHWA have determined that there will be no impact to the operation of the I-95 and Route 301 right of way, that the Limited Access Control Change (LACC) is appropriate from a safety and traffic control standpoint, and have determined that a Global Traffic Analysis is not necessary because the LACC will not include any new access break, and no change in traffic volume is expected; and

WHEREAS, VDOT staff and the FHWA have determined there will be no adverse environmental impacts based on the environmental analysis performed by VDOT Richmond District staff on behalf of the Requester; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted in the *Prince George Journal* newspaper, on August 5, 2015 and August 12, 2015 and the *Progress Index* newspaper, on August 6, 2015 and August 14, 2015 and the *Richmond Voice* newspaper, on August 5, 2015 and August 12, 2015, all public notices closed on August 21, 2015, with no comments received; and

WHEREAS, all right of way, engineering, construction, and necessary safety improvements shall meet all VDOT standards and requirements; and

WHEREAS, all costs of any engineering and construction or necessary safety improvements will be borne by the requestor; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined no compensation shall be due in consideration of the proposed LACC, as no value will be added to the adjoining land solely by shifting the said limited access line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed LACCs is in compliance with Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia* the CTB hereby finds and concurs with the

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determinations set forth herein and approves the LACC to accommodate the Prince George County gateway and beautification project, and subject to the above referred to conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

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