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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 16, 2016

MOTION

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

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Programming of Funds for the Virginia Beach Light Rail Extension to Town Center

WHEREAS the City of Virginia Beach is the project sponsor for construction of the proposed Light Rail Extension to Town Center, and has requested funding from the Commonwealth to construct the project; and

WHEREAS on September 22, 2010 the City entered into a grant agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for a grant of \$20,000,000 from the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund for purchase of the right-of-way for the light rail extension, and that grant agreement requires that the City reimburse the Department of Transportation if the City is not using its best efforts to pursue the light rail extension;

WHEREAS on February 17, 2016 the Board reaffirmed its commitment to the Virginia Beach Light Rail Extension Project and authorized the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to inform the City of Virginia Beach that by April 30, 2016, the City must demonstrate its commitment to the Project by authorizing the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads to submit an application to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for funding for the procurement of light rail vehicles, and must execute a mutually agreeable Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Virginia Beach, the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to inform the City of Virginia Beach that unless the City approves by April 30, 2016, a mutually agreeable binding agreement between the City and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation regarding the provision of City funding for the

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procurement of light rail vehicles, and issues a notice to proceed for the vehicles by a date that allows the City to meet a December 2019 deadline for revenue operations of the light rail extension, the Board shall de-obligate any funds programmed in the six-year improvement plan for the Virginia Beach Light Rail Extension project; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to inform the City that in the absence of such affirmative actions by the City of Virginia Beach, including the issuance of a Request for Proposals for a design-build contract, by December 31, 2016, the Board shall de-obligate any funds programmed in the six-year improvement plan for the Virginia Beach Light Rail Extension project and reallocate these funds to other eligible projects that have been rated in accordance with House Bill 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the City fail to meet any of the provisions specified in this resolution that results in the de-obligation of funding for the Virginia Beach Light Rail Extension Project, the City may reapply for funding for the project through the House Bill 2 process.

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