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Agenda Item # 5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Brown, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Addition of Public Transportation Projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2017-2022

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) pursuant to § 33.2-214(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, of anticipated projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the public transportation projects shown in Appendix A were not included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 SYIP adopted by the Board on June 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the projects are appropriate for the efficient movement of people and freight and, therefore, for the common good of the Commonwealth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board that the projects shown in Appendix A are added to the SYIP of projects and programs for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022, and are approved.

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CTB Decision Brief

Addition of Projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2017-2022

Issue: Each year the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) must adopt a Six-Year Improvement Program (Program) and allocations in accordance with the statutory formula.

Facts: The CTB must adopt a Program of anticipated projects and programs by July 1 of each year in accordance with § 33.2-214(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. On June 14, 2016, after due consideration, the CTB adopted a Final Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Program. The projects shown in Appendix A, and listed below, were not in the Final Fiscal Year 2017-2022 Program adopted by the CTB on June 14, 2016.

Project #1 – The City of Richmond has completed the Richmond Transit Network Plan, calling for an overhaul of routes across the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) system. The Richmond City Council wants to synchronize the implementation of the network plan with the opening of the new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. GRTC has requested technical assistance funding from DRPT in order to assist in this very quick implementation period. Total cost requested from DRPT during FY2017 is \$336,000 with a local match of \$14,000. CTB action is required in order to amend the allocation because the amount sought is beyond the authority of the Director of DRPT.

Project #2 – Revenue service is expected to begin on the BRT system in the City of Richmond in October 2017. The BRT, or “The Pulse”, will employ ten buses, equipped and branded specifically for the BRT. Bus manufacturing is nearing completion and ten 40-foot Gillig CNG busses are on schedule to be delivered to GRTC by May 2017. Available storage at the current GRTC Operations Facility on Belt Boulevard is inadequate to accommodate the additional BRT vehicles. GRTC has identified 3.99 acres of property contiguous to the existing GRTC Operations Facility on Belt Boulevard, which is available for purchase. Planned use of the property is to provide for expanded storage parking for the GRTC fleet utilizing the existing paved and unpaved portions of the site. The total assessed value of the land and improvements is \$2,250,000. GRTC has negotiated a purchase price of \$1,690,000 for the land and improvements. The total cost of acquisition, including fees and services is estimated to be \$2,000,000. GRTC expects to close on the property on or before March 31, 2017. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved funding for 80% of the cost, or \$1,600,000. GRTC will provide a local match of \$80,000. GRTC has requested \$320,000, the balance of the cost required to complete the acquisition of property, be provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia in Fiscal Year 2017. CTB action is required in order to amend the allocation because the amount sought is beyond the authority of the Director of DRPT.

Project #3 –

DRPT provided multiple grants to the City of Alexandria for construction of its portion of the Crystal City-Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway, a joint project with Arlington County that is the Washington metropolitan area’s first right-of-way dedicated to premium surface transit. The dedicated transit lanes are located along Route 1 between Alexandria and Crystal City

(Arlington). While the dedicated transit lanes are located along Route 1, the Metroway service does operate a portion of its route in mixed traffic on other streets in Alexandria. The City of Alexandria, acting through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission as its fiscal agent, desires to construct transitway stations along its portion of the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway on streets other than Route 1. The budget for the work is \$600,000, and the City is requesting \$204,000 in state capital funding, which can proceed to construction immediately upon approval of the requested funding. CTB action is required in order to amend the allocation because the amount sought is beyond the authority of the Director of DRPT.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) recommends the addition of the projects in Appendix A to the Program for Fiscal Years 2017–2022.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to add the projects listed in Appendix A to the Program for Fiscal Years 2017–2022 to meet the CTB’s statutory requirements.

Result, if Approved: If the resolution is approved, the projects listed in Appendix A will be added to the Program for Fiscal Years 2017-2022.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Appendix A
Amendments to the FY2017-2022 SYIP

Item	District	Grantee	Project Description	Total Cost	Total Allocation	Program
1	Richmond	Greater Richmond Transit Company	Implementation of the City of Richmond's Transit Network Plan	\$ 350,000	\$ 336,000	Technical Assistance
2	Richmond	Greater Richmond Transit Company	Purchase Land for Expansion of Bus Storage	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 320,000	Capital
3	Northern Virginia	City of Alexandria	Enhancements to Crystal City - Potomac Yards Transitway	\$ 600,000	\$ 204,000	Capital
Totals				\$ 2,950,000	\$ 860,000	