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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Ms. Valentine, Seconded By: Ms. DeTuncq

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Utilization of Available Federal Funds and Obligation Authority

WHEREAS, § 33.2-214 (B) of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1st of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) of anticipated projects and programs and that the SYIP shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted the FY 2018-2023 SYIP and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) FY 2018 Budget (Budget) on June 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, at the end of each federal fiscal year, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) makes available unused obligation authority, otherwise known as August Redistribution; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has requested additional obligation authority from the FHWA through the August Redistribution process in support of the Federal-Aid Highway Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to ensure the maximum use of all available federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board that authority is delegated to the Secretary of Transportation to take the necessary actions to provide for the utilization of additional federal allocations and obligation authority received that are not accounted for in the Budget and SYIP in compliance with Board policies.

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CTB Decision Brief

Utilization of Available Federal Funds and Obligation Authority

Issue: Additional federal funds and obligation authority are anticipated to be made or become available to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Authority to utilize these funds is sought.

Facts: The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) must adopt a SYIP of anticipated projects and programs by July 1st of each year in accordance with § 33.2-214 (B) of the *Code of Virginia*. The SYIP shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy. VDOT's budget and available allocations in the SYIP are in part based on estimates of federal obligation. Each year, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) makes available to the states unused obligation authority through a process known as August Redistribution. VDOT has requested additional obligation authority from the FHWA through the August Redistribution process and requests that the CTB act to allow VDOT the ability to utilize additional allocations and obligation authority received as a result of August Redistribution, as well as to maximize use of all available federal funds.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends the CTB delegate the necessary authority to the Secretary of Transportation to ensure the utilization of additional federal funds received through August Redistribution that were not accounted for in the VDOT budget and the SYIP.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to delegate authority to the Secretary of Transportation to take the necessary actions to utilize additional federal allocations and obligation authority made available to VDOT through the August Redistribution process.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None

Result, if Approved: The Secretary will have the authority to take the necessary actions to utilize the additional federal funds and obligation authority in compliance with Commonwealth Transportation Board policies.