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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 16, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Whitworth Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Route 744 and Route 121 Hawk's Nest Interchange</u> County of Buchanan

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2000 the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the proposed location of the Coalfields Expressway from Route 23 (at Pound), to the West Virginia State Line, in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties and designated it as U. S. Route 121; and

WHEREAS, the Coalfields Expressway was to be constructed in multiple segments, including the Hawk's Nest section in Buchanan County; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008, the Commonwealth Transportation Board resolved and approved the Hawks Nest section of the Coalfields Expressway on a new alignment and designated it as a Limited Access Highway between the proposed U.S. 460 connector and State Route 614; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Appalachian Development Act of 1965, Congress authorized construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) in Virginia and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Route 460 is designated Corridor Q, an approved ADHS Corridor, which both intersects the Coalfields Expressway and overlaps it and includes the Hawks Nest and

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Expressway/Corridor Q connection. The segments are dually designated Route 460/121 from where the routes intersect to Grundy; and

- **WHEREAS**, the completion of portions of Corridor Q in Kentucky and Virginia are anticipated that would open Corridor Q/Coalfields Expressway to traffic in the near future before the Hawks Nest Project is completed; and
- **WHEREAS,** proposed State Highway Project 0744-013-941, P101, C101; UPC 108012 ("Project"), designated as State Route 744, will provide a temporary alternative to maintain traffic flow to and from completed sections of Route 460/121 while the Hawks Nest section is constructed; and
- **WHEREAS**, when Route 460/121 is completed, State Route 744 will be used to provide access to a 1,000 acre industrial, business and residential development; and
- **WHEREAS**, a Notice of Willingness to hold a Public Hearing on the Project was advertised or posted on October 10, 12 and 17, 2017 with the comment period closing on October 25, 2017, and no requests for a hearing or other comments were received; and
- WHEREAS, the limited access control line needs to be modified, with a break in one area as shown on the attached exhibit; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Bristol District did not require a traffic analysis for this project because Route 460/121 is an ADHS Corridor Q project on a new location and the IDA Road (Route 744) is a new connection providing access to the local industrial, business and residential community; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Project is in an air quality attainment area and the project will not have an adverse impact on air quality; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has determined that the proposed change will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the highways; and
- WHEREAS, the economic, social and environmental effects of the proposed Project have been duly examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was prepared under an agreement between VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration on February 15, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the County of Buchanan and is supported by a letter from the County Administrator dated April 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA provided approval for State Highway Project 0744-013-941, P101, C101; UPC 108012 and the proposed LACC by letter dated April 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Department has reviewed the requested change and determined that all requirements of 24 VAC 30-401-20 have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia* and Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*, that the CTB hereby finds and concurs in the determinations and recommendations of VDOT made herein, and directs that the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway continue to be designated as a limited access highway and control area, with a break in limited access from the current location with all modifications as shown on the exhibit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to take all actions and execute any and all documents necessary to implement such changes.

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CTB Decision Brief <u>Proposed Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs)</u> <u>Industrial Development Authority Route 744 and Route 121 Hawk's Nest Interchange</u> <u>Project 0744-013-941, P101, C101; UPC 108012</u>

Issues: Route 460 is designated Corridor Q, an approved Appalachian Development Highway System Corridor, both intersects the Coalfields Expressway and overlaps it and includes the Hawk's Nest and Poplar Creek segments of Coalfields Expressway, as well as the Coalfields Expressway/Corridor Q connection. Although not currently carrying traffic, it is anticipated the completion of projects in Kentucky and Virginia will open Corridor Q to traffic before completion of the Hawks Nest segment, The proposed project (Route 744) will provide a temporary alternative to maintain traffic flow to and from the completed sections of Corridor Q while Hawk's Nest is constructed. When Corridor Q is completed, Route 744 will be used to provide access to a 1,000 acre industrial, business and residential development. The limited access control line needs to be modified with a break in one area as shown on the attached exhibit. This change requires the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board ("CTB").

Facts:

- June 19, 2008, the CTB designated the Coalfields Expressway Section called Hawk's Nest as a Limited Access Highway between the proposed US 460 Connector and State Route 614.
- A Notice of Willingness to hold a Public Hearing on this proposed State Highway Project 0744-013-941, P101, C101; UPC 108012 ("Project") was advertised or posted on October 10,12 and 17, 2017 with the comment period closing on October 25, 2017 and no request for a hearing or other comments were received.
- The Bristol District did not require a traffic analysis report for this project because Route 460/121 is an ADHS Corridor Q project on a new location and the IDA Road (Route 744) is a new connection providing access controls to the local industrial, business and residential community.
- This project is located in an air quality attainment area and the project will not have an adverse impact on air quality.
- The Chief Engineer has determined that the proposed change will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the highways.
- The economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been duly examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other has been carefully reviewed.
- The proposed Project is in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was prepared under an agreement between VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration on February 15, 2017.
- The proposed project is in the County of Buchanan and is supported by a letter from the County Administrator dated April 30, 2018.
- The FHWA provided approval for State Highway Project 0744-013-941, P101, C101; UPC 108012 and the proposed LACC by letter dated April 27, 2018.
- The proposed LACC is in compliance with the polices and requirements of the CTB contained in Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*.

Recommendations: It is recommended that, pursuant to §33.2-401 of the *Code of Virginia*, and Title 24, Agency 30, Chapter 401 of the *Virginia Administrative Code*, that the Hawk's Nest

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Section of the Coalfields Expressway continue to be designated as a Limited Access Highway with the limited access control being modified with a break as shown on the attached exhibit. This action will modify the limited access line and right of way previously approved by the CTB.

Action Required by CTB: Virginia Code § 33.2-401 requires a majority vote of the CTB to approve the recommended LACC. The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to approve the limited access control change for the proposed project and to provide the Commissioner of Highways the requisite authority to execute all documents necessary to implement the LACC.

Result, if Approved: The Commissioner of Highways will be authorized to execute any and all documents needed to comply with the resolution, and the Project will move forward.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: A Posting of Willingness to hold a Public Hearing was advertised and no request for a Public Hearing was received.

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Robert Craig Horn County Administrator

Lawrence L. Moise, III Esq. County Attorney

Robert Leonard, L.S., P.E. Virginia Department of Transportation Bristol District 870 Bonham Road Bristol, Va. 24201

Re: UPC 108012 Agreement & Appendix "A" and Appendix "B"

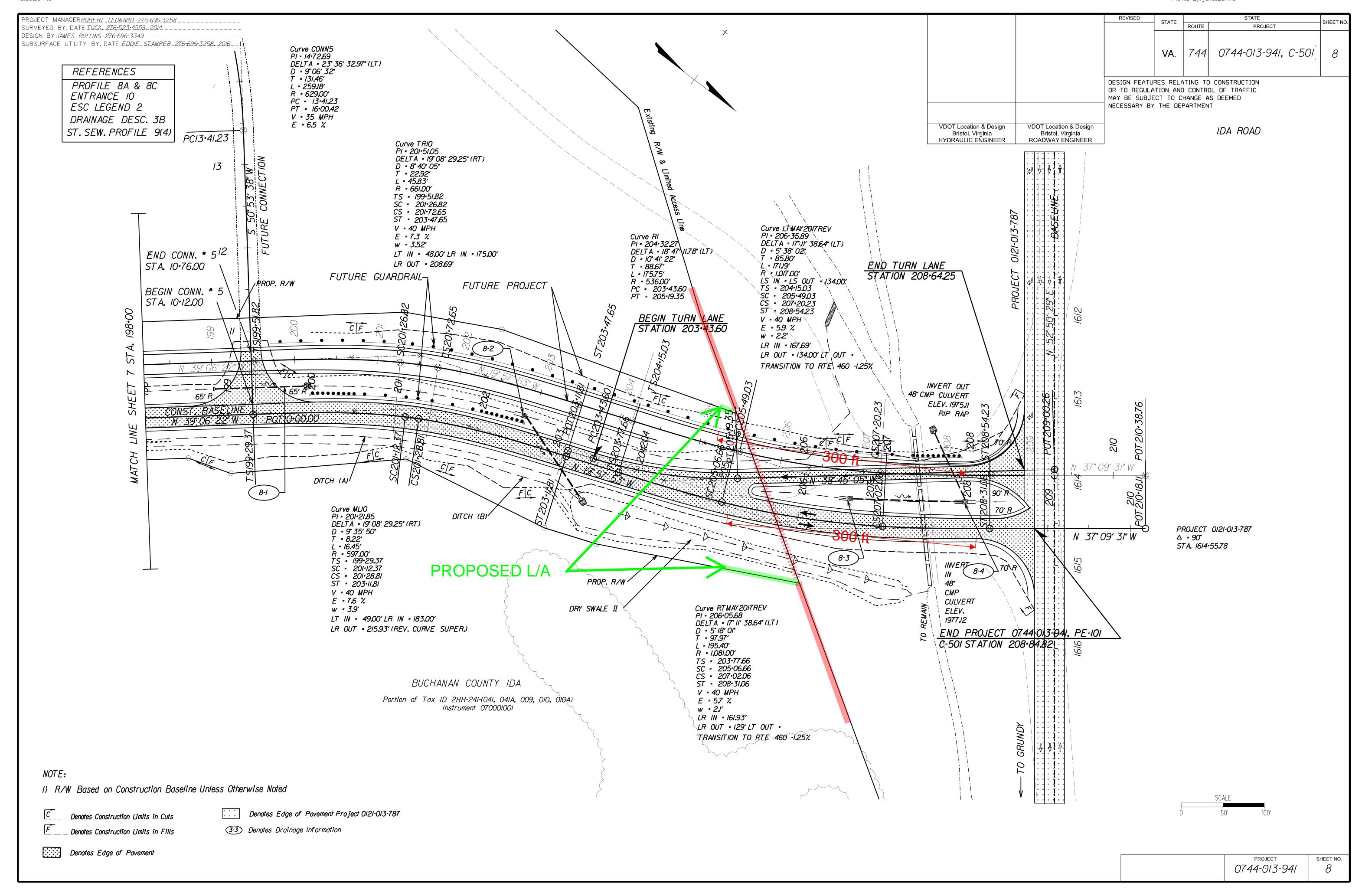
Dear Mr. Leonard:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that the Board of Supervisors for Buchanan County, Va. is in complete agreement for a break in the limited access requirement for U.S. 121 so as to permit the future connection between Route 744 and U.S. Route 121 in Buchanan County, Va. The resolution to that effect along with providing authorization for County officials to sign the UPC 108012 Agreement along with Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" and any other documents that may be necessary for the furtherance of the Rt. 744 project will be on the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for May 7, 2018. I will get the signed originals of the executed agreement with Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" out into the mail to your attention on May 8, 2018. Additionally, I will forward PDF copies of same by e-mail to your attention on May 8, 2018. If you require any further information please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert Craig Horn County Administrator

cc. J. Carroll Branham, Chairman, Board of Supervisors Marcus Stiltner, P.E., County Road Engineer Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney



LIMITED ACCESS CONTROL POINTS

Proposed Limited Access Break on Rte. 121 Proj. 0121-013-787, PE-101, RW-201, C-501

"Hawks Nest" Buchanan County, Virginia

	BASELINE	STATION	OFFSET (FT)	LEFT/RIGHT
FROM:	RTE. 121 CONST C/L	1613+47.52	370.60'	RIGHT
TO:	RTE. 121 CONST C/L	1614+55.91	330.63'	RIGHT



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1401 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219 2000

Stephen Brich Commissioner

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Shannon Valentine

The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E.

The Honorable Jennifer Mitchell

The Honorable Jerry L. Stinson II

The Honorable Henry "Hap" Connors, Jr.

The Honorable Mary Hughes Hynes

The Honorable Allison DeTuncq

The Honorable F. Gary Garczynski

The Honorable Carlos M. Brown

The Honorable Stephen A. Johnsen

The Honorable F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr.

The Honorable E. Scott Kasprowicz

The Honorable Court G. Rosen

The Honorable Marty Williams

The Honorable John Malbon

The Honorable Greg Yates

Subject: Approval of Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) on Route 121 Hawk's Nest Intersection in the County of Buchanan.

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for limited access control changes (LACCs) for your consideration. The proposed limited access control changes on State Highway Project 0744-013-941, P101, C101 provides for an adjustment in the limited access on Route 121 at the intersection. These adjustments in limited access control are needed to provide road improvements on Route 744. This is a new road to provide a temporary alternative to maintain traffic flow to and from the completed sections of the Appalachian Development Highway System while the remaining section is constructed. It has been determined that these adjustments in limited access control are required for the project and are recommended for approval by the Department's staff.

I have reviewed the staff's recommendations and determined that approving these limited access control changes will not adversely affect the safety or operation of the affected highway network. I have determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

Carrett W. Moore, P.E.

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Thief Engineer

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1401 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219 2000

Stephen Brich Commissioner

April 24, 2018

Ms. Jessie Yung, P.E. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 400 N. 8th Street Room 750 Richmond, Virginia 23240-0249

Attention Ms. Janice L. Williams

Route 121; Coalfields Expressway

"Hawk's Nest" Section – IDA Road Limited Access Break Project #: 0744-013-941 (Route 121 Project #: 0121-013-787)

UPC #: 108012

Request for Modified Limited Access

Dear Ms. Yung,

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is developing a project to construct a roadway for the Industrial Development Authority of Buchanan County. The purpose of this new 1.3 mile long roadway is to serve as a temporary connection between Route 121 and Route 460 until such time that the Hawk's Nest and Poplar Creek segments of Route 121 are constructed. This new roadway will also provide access to an industrial park.

The project will require a break in the Limited Access lines along Route 121. VDOT staff have coordinated the modification in Limited Access Lines with Federal Highway Administration personnel and now requests that you provide approval of these access modifications as depicted on the attached Exhibits.

If additional information is needed, please contact Mr. Theron Knouse at 804.371.2792.

Şincerely

Susan H. Keen, P.E.

State Location and Design Engineer

Attachments

Date 4/27/18

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 19, 2008

MOTION

Made By: Seconded By: Action:

TITLE: Revised Location Approval Hawks Nest Section - Coalfields Expressway
in the Buchanan County

(amending Action of March 18, 2004)

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2000 the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the proposed location of the Coalfields Expressway from Route 23 (at Pound), to the West Virginia State line, in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties (State Project R000-961-101, PE-100):

(i) The mainline location as segments 159, 118a, 160a, 153a, 158, 108a, 161a, 154, 115, 214, 205, 206, 207, 238a, 303a, and 302, with an extensive effort being made during the design of the Expressway to minimize impacts to the Harman community;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the proposed revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a and major design features of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, from the proposed U.S. 460 Connector interchange west of Bull Gap to the U. S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction, State Project (FO) 0121-013-101, PE-101, Federal Project APD-121-1 (001) as proposed and presented at the Combined Location and Design Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board designated the Coalfields Expressway Section A as a Limited Access Highway between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2004 the Commonwealth Transportation Board prohibited, pedestrian, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof from using the Coalfields Expressway route between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction in the interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a Combined Location and Design Public Hearing was held on May 13, 2008 at the Russell Prater Elementary School in Buchanan County between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the proposed location for the Hawks Nest Section – Coalfields Expressway in Buchanan County, from the proposed Route 460 Connector to State Route 614 to the east; State Projects 0121-013-787; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the proposed project as presented, and their statements being duly recorded; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed.

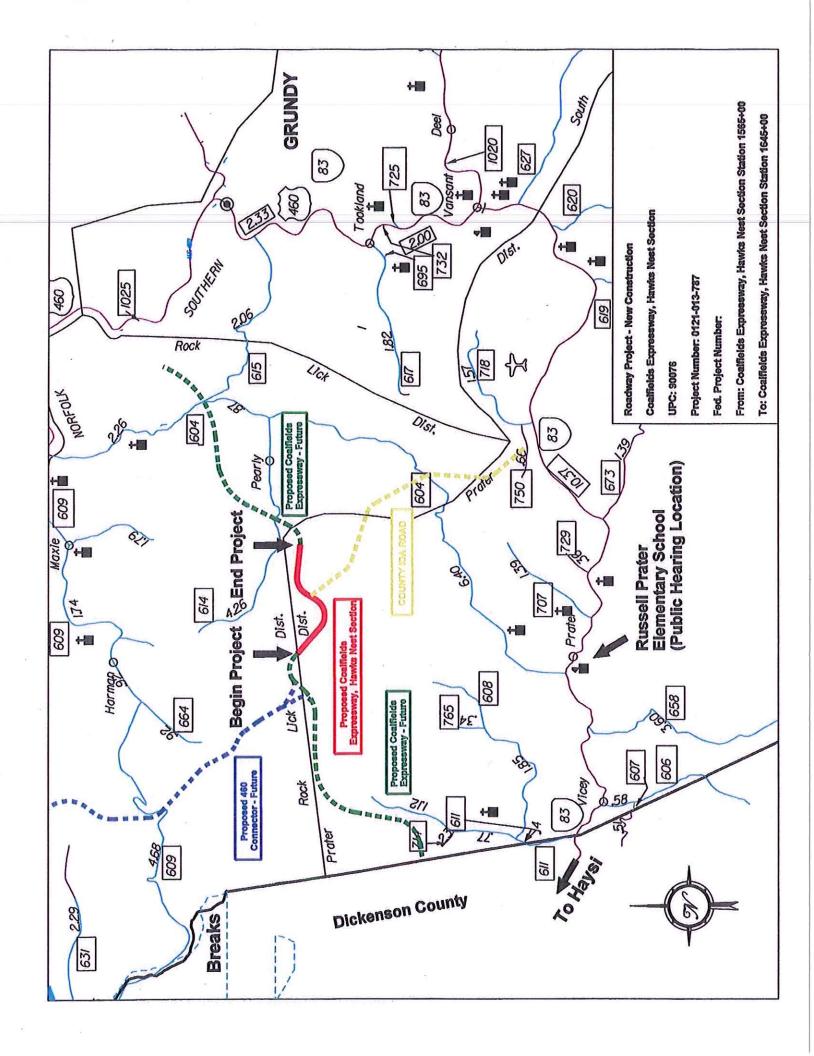
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the March 18, 2004 approval is rescinded for, the revised location of segments 207, 206 and 238a, and major design features of the Coalfields Expressway Section A, the Limited Access designation between the proposed U.S. 460 interchange west of Bull Gap and U.S. 460 interchange east of Harman Junction and the prohibition of pedestrians, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof from using the Coalfields Expressway Section A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the location of the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway is approved on new alignment, from the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 1565+00 and 1645+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing and indicated on the attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway is designated as a Limited Access Highway, between the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 1565+00 and 1645+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the interest of public safety, pedestrian, persons riding bicycles or mopeds, horse drawn vehicles, self-propelled machinery or equipment, and animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof is prohibited from using the Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway between the proposed Route 460 Connector (2.045 mile west of State Route 614) to State Route 614 to the east (0.530 mile west of State Route 614) between approximated Coalfields Expressway stations 1565+00 and 1645+00, as proposed and presented at the public hearing in accordance with the statutes of Virginia and in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policies.

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COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD 1401 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, 23219-1939

SHIRLEY J. YBARRA CHAIRMAN

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

August 17, 2000

MOTION

Made By:Mr. Martin Seconded By: Mr. Grubb Action: Approved

Title: Location: Coalfields Expressway - Buchgnan, Dickenson, Wise Counties

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a Location Public Hearing was held in the Clintwood Elementary School, in Town of Clintwood on April 25, 2000, at the Sandlick Elementary School, in the Community of Birchleaf on April 26, 2000, and at the Grundy Senior High School, in the Slate Creek area of Buchanan County on April 27, 2000, Virginia, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering the proposed location of the Coalfields Expressway from Route 23 (at Pound), to the West Virginia State Line, in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties, State Project R000-961-101, PE-100; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the proposed project as presented, and their statements being duly recorded; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project have been examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the location of this project be approved as segments 159, 118a, 160a, 153a, 158, 108a, 161a, 154, 115, 214, 205, 206, 207, 238a, 303a, and 302 as proposed and presented at said Location Public Hearing by the Department's Engineers, with an extensive effort being made during the design of the Expressway to minimize impacts to the Harman community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that segments 204, 239, and 237, commonly know as the "Loop" be approved for development as proposed and presented at the public hearing.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 33.1-34 of the Code of Virginia the herein approved 54.04 mile segment of the Coalfields Expressway be added to the Primary System of Highways and designated as United States Route 121.

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