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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Commissioner

December 4, 2014

Members of the General Assembly

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Item 427 L1-2 (Item 427 L) of Chapter 2 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly (Special Session I), the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is required to direct the staff of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Bristol, Salem and Staunton districts to develop a list of potential improvements to address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor as part of the statewide prioritization process enacted by the 2014 General Assembly pursuant to § 33.2-214.1. Further, Item 427 L provides that the CTB is to give priority to projects that minimize the impacts on adjacent communities, including historic battlefields, and to projects that can be implemented within the existing right-of-way or with minimal additional right-of-way.

Item 427 L requires that an interim report, providing a list of identified projects and estimated costs, be completed by November 1, 2014. Further, the Item requires by January 1, 2016, a final list, developed pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2 of the 2014 Session of the General Assembly, that lists the prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Improvement Program adopted by the CTB in June 2016. The attached report serves as the interim report required by Item 427 L.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Kilpatrick".

Charles A. Kilpatrick, P.E.
Commissioner of Highways

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.

**INTERIM REPORT: LISTING OF I-81 CORRIDOR PROJECTS
ADDRESSING SAFETY AND CONGESTION**

Pursuant to:

Item 427 L of Chapter 2, 2014 Acts of the Assembly (Special Session I)

**Commonwealth Transportation Board
and
Virginia Department of Transportation**

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Executive Summary

Pursuant to Item 427 L 1 and 2 (Item 427 L) of the 2014 Appropriation Act, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is required to direct the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Bristol, Salem and Staunton districts to identify projects along the I-81 corridor of Virginia that address safety and congestion concerns as part of the statewide prioritization process pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:5¹. (See Appendix A) Item 427 L further requires the CTB to solicit input from local elected officials, state legislators, and other affected stakeholders in the identification of potential candidate projects for evaluation. Further, the CTB is to give priority to projects that minimize the impacts on adjacent communities, including historic battlefields, and to projects that can be implemented within the existing right-of-way or with minimal additional right-of-way.

An interim report, including a list of the identified projects and estimated costs is to be completed by November 1, 2014 and this document serves to satisfy the interim reporting requirement. Additionally, by January 1, 2016, a final listing of projects developed pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2, 2014 Session of the General Assembly, (HB2) must list the prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Improvement Program to be adopted by the CTB in June 2016.

In order to meet the due date of November 1, 2014 for this interim report and the requisite project list, a list of projects along the I-81 corridor which address safety and congestion was derived from the current Fiscal Year 2015-2020 (FY15-20) Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP), approved by the CTB in June 2014. These projects have been subjected to the public comment process and their associated costs have been included in the listing provided in this report. The final report that is due January 1, 2016 will include a prioritized list of projects developed pursuant to the provisions of HB2 along with planning level cost estimates. Therefore, the project list included in this interim report may change as the final report is developed.

Findings

The FY15-20 SYIP, which the CTB approved in June 2014, includes 19 projects along the 325 miles of Interstate 81 in Virginia that address safety and congestion concerns. The costs for these projects total approximately \$372 million. A breakdown by construction district is:

- Bristol District – 3 projects, Total ~ \$78 million
- Salem District – 11 projects, Total ~ \$218 million
- Staunton District – 5 projects, Total ~ \$76 million

¹ Section 33.1-23.5:5 was enacted into law pursuant to HB 2 of the 2014 General Assembly. As a result of legislation recodifying, among others, Title 33.1, §33.1-23.5:5 was recodified as §33.2-214, effective October 1, 2014.

Introduction

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is required by Item 427 L of the 2014 Appropriation Act to direct VDOT's Salem, Bristol and Staunton district staff to develop a prioritized list of congestion relief and safety improvement projects along the I-81 corridor as part of the statewide prioritization process pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:5 of the *Code of Virginia*² (HB 2 – 2014). Item 427 L further requires the CTB to solicit input from local elected officials, state legislators, and other affected stakeholders in the identification of potential candidate projects for evaluation. Further, the CTB is to give priority to projects that minimize the impacts on adjacent communities, including historic battlefields, and to projects that can be implemented within the existing right-of-way or with minimal additional right-of-way.

Pursuant to Item 427 L, an interim report, including a listing of the identified projects and estimated costs, is to be completed by November 1, 2014. This report constitutes the interim report and provides a list of projects, derived from the Fiscal Year 2015-2020 (FY15-20) Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) (approved June 2014), along the I-81 Corridor in VDOT's Bristol, Salem and Staunton districts that will address congestion and safety issues. The FY 15-20 SYIP received public comments during nine spring hearings that were held during April and May 2014 across the Commonwealth. By the time this report is issued, the CTB will have held nine Fall Transportation Meetings throughout the Commonwealth to receive input from citizens and local elected officials on both recommended improvements to the transportation system and the HB2 prioritization process. Input from these meetings and other sources will be considered and evaluated in the HB 2 prioritization process which is currently in the development stage.

Additionally, Item 427 L requires that, by January 1, 2016, a final list of projects must be developed pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2, 2014 Session of the General Assembly, (HB2) and must list the prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the SYIP to be adopted by the CTB in June 2016. The results of the HB2 analysis and prioritization will be considered for purposes of the final list of projects that must be developed pursuant to Item 427 L.

Study Area

The study area includes 325 miles of Interstate 81, beginning at the Tennessee / Virginia State Line and continuing to the West Virginia / Virginia state line. Within the study area are 90 interchanges including connections with I-66, I-64, I-581, I-77 and I-381. Overall

² *Id.*

corridor traffic averages 48,000 vehicles per day (vpd), with almost 60,000 vpd near Roanoke and Winchester. Originally, I-81 was designed for 15% truck traffic. Data shows the roadway currently carries an average of 26% trucks, and up to 35% on some sections. In Virginia, I-81 traverses rolling and mountainous topography. The up-and-down terrain complicates traffic flow. Maintaining consistent speeds is challenging because of the topography and the high volume of heavy vehicles such as trucks, RVs and horse trailers. People using I-81 in Virginia include commercial drivers, commuters, tourists, through travelers, and many college students. Twenty-nine colleges and universities are located along the I-81 corridor.

Process for Developing Project Lists

In order to meet the due date of November 1, 2014 for this interim report and the requisite project list, a list of projects along the I-81 corridor which address safety and congestion was developed from the current Fiscal Year 2015-2020 (FY15-20) Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP), approved by the CTB in June 2014. (See Appendix B and Appendix C) These projects were reviewed by stakeholders prior to the adoption of the FY15-20 SYIP by means of nine Spring Transportation Hearings held during April and May 2014. In addition, by the time that this report is issued, these projects will have been reviewed by stakeholders in nine Fall Transportation Meetings held during September and October 2014 conducted throughout the Commonwealth for purposes of HB2 and preparing an interim SYIP. Because the HB 2 prioritization process is currently being developed, other/additional projects may be considered once that process has been implemented, and thus, the final listing due by January 1, 2016 may include projects different from or in addition to the projects listed in this report.

This interim report and the list of projects contained herein have been approved by the CTB for submission (See Appendix D).

Appendix A – Budget Amendment Item 427 L

Secretary of Transportation (186)

Item 427.

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 2, Article 10, §2.2-201, and Titles 33, 46, and 58, Code of Virginia.

L. 1. The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall direct the staff of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Bristol, Salem and Staunton districts to develop a list of potential improvements to address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor as a part of the statewide prioritization process enacted by the 2014 General Assembly pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:5, Code of Virginia.

2. In the identification of potential candidate projects for evaluation, the Board shall solicit input from local elected officials, state legislators, and other affected stakeholders. Further, the Board shall give priority to projects that minimize the impacts on adjacent communities, including historic battlefields, and to projects that can be implemented within the existing right-of-way or with minimal additional right-of-way. An interim report, including a listing of the identified projects and estimated costs shall be completed by November 1, 2014. By January 1, 2016, a final listing, developed pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2, 2014 Session of the General Assembly, will list the prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Program adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June 2016.

Appendix B – Item 427 Interim Project List

I-81 Bristol, Salem and Staunton Districts – FY15-20 SYIP										
Total Line Item Estimate: \$371,665 (K)										
UPC	Description	Route	District	Road System	Jurisdiction	Estimate	Previous	FY15	FY16-20	Balance
(Values in Thousands of Dollars)										
97555	I-81 NBL BRIDGE PROJECT AT ROUTE 11 STR #17478	81	Bristol	Interstate	Smyth County	\$13,320	\$0	\$375	\$12,945	\$0
97856	INTERSTATE 81 AT EXIT 14 RAMP MODIFICATIONS	81	Bristol	Interstate	Washington County	\$44,360	\$5,267	\$3,248	\$35,845	\$0
104936	I-81 STRUCTURES 19596 & 19597 OVER REED CREEK IN WYTHE CO	81	Bristol	Interstate	Wythe County	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$18,000
56899	INTERSTATE 81 NB BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND ROUTE 232 BRIDGE	81	Salem	Interstate	Montgomery County	\$78,110	\$7,500	\$705	\$53,931	\$15,974
56900	I-81 SOUTHBOUND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE NEW RIVER	81	Salem	Interstate	Pulaski County	\$47,502	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,502
75910	ROUTE 11,220,220A ACCESS MANAGEMENT PROJECT AT I-81 EXIT 150	81	Salem	Interstate	Botetourt County	\$46,791	\$26,615	\$0	\$20,176	\$0
93074	RTE. 81 - APPROACHES AND BRIDGES OVER ROUTE 8	81	Salem	Interstate	Christiansburg	\$10,918	\$1,976	\$0	\$3,192	\$5,750
93075	RTE. 81 - MONT. CO. APPROACHES TO I-81 BRIDGES OVER ROUTE 8	81	Salem	Interstate	Montgomery County	\$5,249	\$1,300	\$0	\$2,949	\$1,000
97560	RTE I-81 NBL BRIDGE REPLACE. OVER RTE 581 SW & NW RAMPS	81	Salem	Interstate	Roanoke County	c	\$1,050	\$7	\$0	\$9,441
97576	RTE 81 SBL - BRIDGE REPLACE OVER RTE. 112 WILDWOOD STR#14865	81	Salem	Interstate	Roanoke County	\$6,256	\$892	\$7	\$0	\$5,357
97577	RTE 81 - NBL BRIDGE REPLACE OVER RTE 11 STR #3212	81	Salem	Interstate	Botetourt County	\$4,623	\$462	\$6	\$0	\$4,154
97578	RTE 81 NBL - BRIDGE REPLACE OVER RTE 642 ALLEGHANY STR#14867	81	Salem	Interstate	Roanoke County	\$3,505	\$350	\$6	\$0	\$3,148
99542	RTE. 81 - EXIT 140 PARK 'N RIDE FACILITY EXPANSION	81	Salem	Interstate	Roanoke County	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$0	\$0
104130	I-81 MM 166.7 TO MM 169.7 IMPROVEMENTS - PARTIAL PE ONLY	81	Salem	Interstate	Botetourt County	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
75881	RTE 81 - INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION, EXIT 310	81	Staunton	Interstate	Frederick County	\$49,121	\$37,614	\$3,121	\$8,386	\$0
79923	RTE 81 - SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, EXIT 213	81	Staunton	Interstate	Augusta County	\$5,152	\$478	\$0	\$0	\$4,674
88659	PE FOR I-81 EXIT 307 INTER RELOCATION\IMPROVEMENT	81	Staunton	Interstate	Frederick County	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0	\$0	\$0
88820	I-81 INTERCHANGE STUDY FOR EXIT 313	81	Staunton	Interstate	Frederick County	\$9,000	\$2,028	\$1,357	\$5,614	\$0
97636	I-81 SHEN/WARREN CO BRIDGE OVER CEDAR CREEK STR #18746	81	Staunton	Interstate	Shenandoah County	\$11,352	\$476	\$0	\$0	\$10,876

I-81 Bristol District FY15-20 SYIP

Total Line Item Estimate: \$77,680 (K)

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I-81 Salem District FY15-20 SYIP
Total Line Item Estimate: \$218,060 (K)

UPC	Description	Route	District	Road System	Jurisdiction	Estimate	Previous	FY15	FY16-	Balance
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							(Values in Thousands of Dollars)			
56899	INTERSTATE 81 NB BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND ROUTE 232 BRIDGE	81	Salem	Interstate	Montgomery County	\$78,110	\$7,500	\$705	\$53,931	\$15,974
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104130	I-81 MM 166.7 TO MM 169.7 IMPROVEMENTS - PARTIAL PE ONLY	81	Salem	Interstate	Botetourt County	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

I-81 Staunton District FY15-20 SYIP

Total Line Item Estimate: \$75,925 (K)

UPC	Description	Route	District	Road System	Jurisdiction	Estimate	Previous	FY15	FY16-20	Balance
						(Values in Thousands of Dollars)				
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Appendix C - CTB Resolution of the Fiscal Years 2015 - 2020 SYIP



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 13

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 18, 2014

MOTION

Made By: Ms. DeTuncq Seconded By: Mr. Dyke.

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Six-Year Improvement Program and Rail and Public Transportation Allocations For Fiscal Years 2015 - 2020

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-12(7)(b) of the *Code of Virginia*, requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program of anticipated projects and programs and that the Program shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriations Act authorizes the Secretary and all agencies within the transportation secretariat to take all actions necessary to ensure that federal transportation funds are allocated and utilized for the maximum benefit of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required by *Code of Virginia* Section 33.1-12 (7) and (9) to administer and allocate funds in the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required by *Code of Virginia* Section 33.1-12(9) to ensure that total funds allocated to any highway construction projects are equal to expenditures within 12 months following completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-23.03:2 of the *Code of Virginia* sets aside funds for the Commonwealth Port Fund, the Commonwealth Airport Fund and the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund and for capital improvements of highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-638 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board to allocate funds from the Commonwealth Port Fund and the Commonwealth Airport Fund in accordance with the statutory formula; and

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-638(A)(4)(c) of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board to allocate funds for mass transit in accordance with the statutory formula set forth therein; and,

WHEREAS, Section 58.1-1741 of the *Code of Virginia* sets aside funds for the Rail Enhancement Fund for capital improvements of railways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221.1:1.1 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board to allocate funds from the Rail Enhancement Fund in accordance with Board established policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221.1:1.2 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board to allocate funds from the Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund in accordance with Board established policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221.1:1 of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Board to administer and spend or commit such funds necessary for constructing, reconstructing, or improving industrial access railroad tracks and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221.1:1.3 of the *Code of Virginia* creates a nonreverting fund known as the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund, which is considered a special fund within the Transportation Trust Fund, and consists of funds designated pursuant to Section 58.1-638.3(A)(2) of the *Code of Virginia* (effective July 1, 2013) and funds as may be set forth in the appropriation act and by allocation of funds for operations and projects by the Board in accordance with Section 33.1-23.1; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has declared it to be in the public interest that the retention, maintenance, improvement, and development of intercity passenger rail-related infrastructure improvements and operations are essential to the Commonwealth's transportation system and continued economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness in national and world markets; and

WHEREAS, Rail and Public Transportation allocations approved in the first year of the Six-Year Improvement Program are recommended based on the assurance by applicants that the projects are ready to move forward during the first year, but projects may languish for a year or more prior to the obligation of the funding through an executed contract signed by the Director; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-23.1 of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Board to allocate funds for maintenance, construction, and improvements on the Interstate, Primary, Urban and Secondary Highway Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 was made available for review and comments; and

WHEREAS, nine public hearings were held on April 17, 2014 in Hampton Roads, April 22, 2014 in Bristol, April 24, 2014 in Fairfax, April 29, 2014 in Harrisonburg, May 5, 2014 in Richmond, May 12, 2014 in Tappahannock, May 14, 2014 in Culpeper, May 15, 2014 in Lynchburg, and May 19, 2014 in Roanoke, to receive public comments prior to the Board's adoption of the Final Six-Year Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that all projects, whether public transportation, rail or highway, are appropriate for the efficient movement of people and freight and, therefore, for the common good of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration the Board has now developed a Final Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 Six-Year Improvement Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the allocations from the Commonwealth Port Fund, the Commonwealth Airport Fund, Rail Enhancement Fund, Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Fund, Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund, Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund, and other funds available as set forth in the Final Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 Six-Year Improvement Program are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the allocations of Interstate, Primary, Secondary and Urban road construction funds, Maintenance and Operations funds, and Rail and Public Transportation funds in the Final Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the Six-Year Improvement Program of projects and programs for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 for Interstate, Primary and Urban Highway Systems, and Rail and Public Transportation are approved excluding the proposed allocation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for municipal use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the Commissioner of Highways and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public

Transportation are authorized to enter into agreements for respective programmed projects for Fiscal Year 2015 and prior within the Six-Year Improvement Program satisfactory to the Commissioner or the Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the transfers of previous allocations necessary to maximize the use of federal transportation funds as reflected in the Six-Year Improvement Program of projects and programs for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020, are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that the Commissioner, upon written recommendation by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Chief of Planning and Programming and after consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board member for the district, is granted the authority to transfer up to 10 percent of funds allocated to the donor project consistent with Commonwealth Transportation Board priorities for programming funds and federal/state eligibility requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, upon written recommendation by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Chief Financial Officer and after consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board member for the district, is authorized to approve federal and state public transportation and rail grants as set out in the approved Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2015 and is authorized to reallocate funds among the line items of existing grants, to allocate additional funds to existing grants up to \$200,000 per grant, and to award additional federal and state grants for rail and public transportation up to \$200,000, as may be necessary to meet the goals of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner and Director shall notify the Board on a monthly basis should such transfer or allocation be made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if such request for transfer of allocation exceeds ten percent or \$200,000 as applicable, the Commissioner and Director shall bring such request to the Board on a monthly basis for their approval prior to taking any action to record or award such action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if Department of Rail and Public Transportation recipients of funding approved in the Fiscal Year 2015 and prior Six-Year Improvement Programs do not execute a contract with the Director within two years of the date of allocation by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Director may negate the original allocation and redistribute the funding, using the guidelines noted above.

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**Appendix D - CTB Resolution Approving Interim Report and List of Projects
Required by Item 427 L of 2014 Appropriation Act**

Agenda item #

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

MOTION

Made By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Action: _____

Title: Approval of I-81 Interim Report Required by Item 427 L 1 and 2 of the 2014 Appropriation Act

WHEREAS, Item 427 L 1 and 2 of the 2014 Appropriation Act requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to direct the staff of the Bristol, Salem and Staunton districts of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to develop a list of potential improvements to address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor as a part of the statewide prioritization process enacted by the 2014 General Assembly pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:5 (§ 33.2-214, effective October 1, 2014) of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, Item 427 L 1 and 2 also requires that, in the identification of potential candidate projects for evaluation, the CTB shall (i) solicit input from local elected officials, state legislators, and other affected stakeholders, and (ii) shall give priority to projects that minimize the impacts on adjacent communities, including historic battlefields, and to projects that can be implemented within the existing right-of-way or with minimal additional right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Item 427 L 1 and 2 further requires that an interim report, including a listing of the identified projects and estimated costs, shall be completed by November 1, 2014 ("Interim Report"), and that by January 1, 2016, a final listing, developed pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly, be prepared, bearing the "prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Program" to be adopted by the CTB in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, the CTB approved allocations for the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 at its June 18, 2014 meeting, and the projects listed in that SYIP have been subject to public comment prior to approval by the CTB; and

WHEREAS, given the November 1, 2014 due date, it has been necessary to develop the list of projects for the Interim Report based on those projects included in the SYIP for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 that address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor, and said list has been incorporated in the Interim Report attached hereto as Attachment A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby approves the Interim Report, which includes the list of projects included in the SYIP for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 that address congestion and safety concerns along the Interstate 81 corridor, and is attached hereto as Attachment A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make such modifications to the Interim Report as he deems appropriate, albeit leaving the list of projects set forth in Attachment A intact, and to take all actions necessary to present the report to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to take, on behalf of the CTB, those measures deemed necessary to present to the CTB, no later than its November, 2015 meeting and prior to submission to the General Assembly, the finalized list of "prioritized candidate projects identified for potential inclusion in the Six Year Program" to be adopted by the CTB in June 2016, that has been developed in accord with the conditions set forth in Item 427 L 1 and 2.

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