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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Schwartz Seconded By: Ms. Connally
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Authority to Accept Funding and Enter into Cooperative Agreements for Research and Evaluation

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has a long and successful history of using research and evaluation performed by the Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) to improve the delivery of transportation services in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, VTRC has extensive experience in conducting transportation related research and partnering with universities, government agencies, and other organizations in such research; and

WHEREAS, § 33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to enter into cooperative agreements with state agencies, the federal government, and other organizations for the purpose of conducting research activities; and

WHEREAS, cooperative agreements for research and evaluation can provide substantial funding for VTRC research and development efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTB authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner or his designee to enter into and approve modifications of cooperative agreements for transportation research and evaluation projects with

state and federal agencies, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Transportation Research Board, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, and other similar institutions, not to exceed $2 million, including any modifications to such agreements, providing that the research and evaluation projects are consistent with the strategic objectives of VDOT and the policy goals of the CTB.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner or his designee will provide the Commonwealth Transportation Board with a brief description of the project and the funding level for each agreement that is entered into under this authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority granted to the VTRC Director to enter into certain cooperative agreements pursuant to CTB resolution dated November 15, 2001, Agenda Item # 18, is hereby revoked; except that any current cooperative agreements executed under this authority shall remain valid until such time that the research activities are concluded and the terms of the agreement have been satisfied.

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