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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 20, 2008

MOTION

Made By: Mr. McCarthy **Seconded By: Mr. Davies**
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Virginia Capital Trail

WHEREAS, in 1975, Route 5 was designated a Scenic Byway in recognition of its natural beauty and cultural value; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study in 1999 determined that the Virginia Capital Trail (Trail) should be established as a separate multi-use facility for bicyclists and pedestrians along Route 5; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Capital Trail Foundation was established in 2004 as a public-private partnership to support and promote the construction, public use, and ongoing enhancement of the Virginia Capital Trail; and

WHEREAS, the 54-mile Trail runs between Williamsburg and Richmond, crossing portions of Henrico, Charles City, and James City counties; and

WHEREAS, this multi-stage project connects the Commonwealth's past and present capitals during its 400-year history (Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Richmond), as well as other cultural and historical sites, such as Berkley Plantation, Sherwood Forest Plantation, and the Charles City County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, two phases of the Trail (Greensprings and Chickahominy) totaling 8.2 miles have been completed in James City County, with 8 miles currently under construction at the Chickahominy Bridge and in Charles City County, and an additional 18 miles in the design/survey stage in Henrico and Charles City County; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Capital Trail was actively supported by Governor Mark R. Warner during his term, and Governor Timothy M. Kaine is committed to have the entire trail either constructed or under design by 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Capital Trail will be an amenity for the region and the Commonwealth, linking the many historic, cultural, and scenic sites along the corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the corridor identified in the attached map between the cities of Williamsburg and Richmond be designated the Virginia Capital Trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Virginia Capital Trail be recognized for the positive effects it will have on alternative transportation, healthier lifestyles, and tourism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to consider the effects that transportation projects along the Virginia Capital Trail corridor will have on the Virginia Capital Trail and determine whether the mitigation of adverse impacts is necessary.

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