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Agenda Item # 8

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 15, 2008

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Koelemay Seconded By: Dr. Davis
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Cedar Green Road Access At Route 28 in Loudoun County

WHEREAS, Route 28 is a critical component of the Northern Virginia transportation network and was designated by the predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board as a limited access facility in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District was established by Loudoun and Fairfax Counties to implement a number of improvements along Route 28, including the widening of the then existing two lane highway and constructing a total of 13 interchanges; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Green Road is a secondary road within Loudoun County which originally crossed Route 28 at a signalized intersection; and

WHEREAS, as part of the construction of the transportation improvements to Route 28, the signalized intersection at Cedar Green Road was eliminated, and consistent with the design of the Route 28 improvements access to Cedar Green Road from Route 28 was scheduled for closure in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County and members of the Virginia General Assembly have expressed concern over the effect of the closure of access from Route 28 to Cedar Green, particularity the effect such closure will have upon the Belfort Park business community; and

WHEREAS, because of safety and operational issues with allowing Cedar Green access to Route 28 to remain open, the VDOT Chief Engineer denied a proposed design exception to allow Cedar Green Road access to Route 28 to remain in place; and

WHEREAS, in November 2006, an independent consultant study was conducted to review the safety and operations features of the access point at Cedar Green Road including an analysis of a right-in/right-out movement at Route 28 and Cedar Green Road; and

WHEREAS, based on this independent consultant study; a review of Loudoun County Long Range planning in the Route 28 Corridor; discussion with an advisory committee created to review this matter; and, a field review, the Commissioner made a determination that:

- There is a demonstrated long term commitment to conversion of Route 28 to a limited access facility with access through grade separated interchanges,
- The decisions made and documented over the history of the planning, design and implementation of the conversion have clearly anticipated closing Cedar Green Road access to Route 28,
- The record of public entity approvals are clear in their intent, and expenditure of public funds to acquire access was made with the express intent of limiting access to Route 28 to the thirteen identified locations,
- A review of the safety and operational characteristics of the right-in, right-out option did not clearly demonstrate a case for making the temporary hold on closing permanent,
- There was a case made for accommodating public safety and emergency response vehicle access at the location currently served by Cedar Green Road, and
- No compelling case was made for reversing the history of planning for the conversion of the Route 28 Corridor to a limited access facility and closing Cedar Green Road.

WHEREAS, based on the factors stated above, the Commissioner determined that Cedar Green access to Route 28 would be closed on March 5, 2008 or after, weather permitting and depending on when the contractor could mobilize to do needed work to provide an "emergency vehicle only" access at this location; and

WHEREAS, while the Commonwealth Transportation Board affirms the Commissioner's determination as set forth above, the Board also believes that for an interim period, until the completion of the thirteen interchange improvements or the completion of the secondary road and intersection improvements in an area bounded by Route 28, Church Road, Davis Drive, and Sterling Boulevard, the limited access designation for the Route 28 facility northbound at Cedar Green Road should be amended to allow for right-in traffic only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board's earlier determination that Route 28 be designated as a limited access facility be amended

to allow a right-in traffic movement at northbound Route 28 and Cedar Green Road until the completion of the thirteen interchanges identified as part of the Phase I and Phase II Transportation Improvements in the Amended and Restated District Contract by and among the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and the State Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District Commission or the completion of the necessary priority secondary road and intersection improvements in the area bounded by Route 28, Church Road, Davis Drive, and Sterling Boulevard as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the improvements set forth above that the right-in access at Route 28 shall be closed in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board's previous designation of Route 28 as a limited access facility and that the Commissioner be authorized to provide for "emergency vehicle only" access at this location.

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