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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2008

MOTION

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

Title: Location Approval for the U.S. Route 58, Martin Luther King Freeway Extension
(Rescinding Actions of October 24, 1990 and October 14, 1998)

WHEREAS, after the Department held a location public hearing, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, on October 24, 1990 approved Alternative E as the proposed location of the U.S. Route 58, Martin Luther King Freeway (MLK) Extension from London Boulevard to Interstate 264 in the City of Portsmouth, State Project 0058-965-103, P 100; and

WHEREAS, after the Department held a design public hearing, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, on October 14, 1998 approved the proposed major design features with minor modification for private property access for the MLK Freeway Extension; and

WHEREAS, in December 2007 the Department completed an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) which identified design deficiencies with the original interchange configuration proposed for Alternative E; and

WHEREAS, the IJR developed several alternative options to address identified design deficiencies, and in consultation with FHWA, Virginia Division, the Department selected Alternative E Option 4 for further analysis; and

WHEREAS, based on the preferred alternative identified in the IJR the Department documented the MLK Freeway extension location study in a Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA),which was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on April 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a new Location Public Hearing was held at I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, on May 14, 2008 for the purpose of considering the proposed location of the MLK Freeway extension between existing U.S. Route 58, MLK Freeway and I-264 in the City of Portsmouth, State Project 0058-965-107, P 101; 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portsmouth passed a conditional resolution on July 24, 2008 in support of Alternative E, Option 4 as identified in the IJR and studied in the EA and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the previous actions taken by the Commonwealth Transportation Board on October 24, 1990 and October 14, 1998 be rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the location of this project be approved on the Preferred Alternative E, Option 4 alignment as presented at the Location Public Hearing

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