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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

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

Title: Policy for Selection of Transportation Enhancement Projects

WHEREAS, the federal Surface Transportation Act (currently SAFETEA-LU) provides for a statewide Transportation Enhancement Program, using federal Surface Transportation Program funds and state and local matching funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (the Board) shall approve the selection of projects to be allocated Transportation Enhancement Program funds on an annual basis and in accordance with §33.1-12(5) of the Code of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed a desire to revise the current selection policy so as to focus financial resources on the timely completion of existing projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has also expressed a desire to revise the current selection policy so as to emphasize the selection of projects that promote the movement of non-motorized traffic; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposed policy changes and soliciting public input, the Board believes the policy for selection of Transportation Enhancement projects should be adopted as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby rescinds its previous Enhancement Projects Selection policy adopted on March 20, 2003 and adopts the following policy and criteria governing the selection of Transportation Enhancement Program projects:

1. The Board shall allocate the Transportation Enhancement Program funds in fifteen (15) equal shares, nine (9) such shares to be apportioned among the nine (9) construction districts and six (6) shares to be recommended by the At-Large members and the Chairman of the Board for at-large projects. The Board members representing the nine (9) construction districts shall have priority in the selection of applications
2. All projects selected must be completed within four (4) years of the date of the grant availability (typically October 1 of each year), unless specifically exempted by resolution of the Board.
3. All applications selected by the Board shall receive not less than 50% of the amount of Transportation Enhancement Program funds requested in the application.
4. All projects selected by the Board will be fully funded to the requested Transportation Enhancement Program amount, if that amount is $200,000 or less and completes the project.
5. For projects to be implemented in FY2012:
    a. Limit the application submissions and funding to existing projects for this Fiscal Year only.
6. For projects to be implemented in FY2013 and subsequent fiscal years:
    a. Apply any funding for <u>new</u> projects only, to those applications that promote the following Transportation Enhancement Program activities:
        - Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
        - Pedestrian and Bicycle safety and Education
        - Landscaping and Scenic Beautification along Transportation Corridors (including streetscaping activities)
        - Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors and Conversion to Trails
        - Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities
        - Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites

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