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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

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

Title: Southeast High Speed Rail Project Technical Support

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) have been working together to advance the Southeast High Speed Rail Project since the mid-1990's; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT, in cooperation with DRPT, is working to complete the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project; and

WHEREAS, DRPT recognized that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) could provide engineering and environmental support to advance the completion of the Tier II EIS; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) authorized the VDOT Commissioner to enter into an agreement with NCDOT to provide survey, engineering and environmental support for the project; and

WHEREAS, DRPT and NCDOT are nearing the completion of the Tier II EIS and have requested additional survey, engineering and environmental support from VDOT for the section of the project in Virginia, beyond activities to complete the Tier II EIS; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT will provide funding for such work, which has been secured from a variety of sources, including grant funding from DRPT; and

WHEREAS, DRPT, VDOT and NCDOT concur that the continuation of technical support by VDOT for the portion of the project in Virginia is critical to the success of the project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth for VDOT to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-12(10) of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the CTB to enter into contracts with other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the CTB hereby authorizes the VDOT Commissioner, acting on behalf of the CTB, to enter into any contracts, agreements and amendments thereto with the NCDOT necessary for the provision of survey, engineering and environmental support activities to support completion of the Virginia portion of the Southeast High Speed Rail Project.

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