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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 20, 2007

MOTION

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

Title: Economic Development Access – Bland County, Project 0672-010-714, N501 Commerce Park

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221 of the *Code of Virginia* provides a fund to "...be expended by the Board for constructing, reconstructing, maintaining or improving access roads within counties, cities, and towns to economic development sites on which manufacturing, processing or research and development facilities, distribution centers, regional service centers, corporate headquarters, or other establishments that also meet basic employer criteria as determined by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership in consultation with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance will be built under firm contract or are already constructed …" or, "in the event there is no such establishment …, a county, city, or town may guarantee to the Board by bond or other acceptable device that such will occur and, should no establishment or airport acceptable to the Board be constructed or under firm contract within the time limits of the bond, such bond shall be forfeited"; and

WHEREAS, the Bland County Board of Supervisors has, by appropriate resolution, requested Economic Development Access funds to assist in constructing road access to Commerce Park, an approximate 23-acre tract located in central Bland County, on the west side of U.S. Highway 52, which has been subdivided for the purpose of development, and said access is estimated to cost $600,000; and

WHEREAS, it appears that this request falls within the intent of Section 33.1-221 of the *Code of Virginia* and complies with the provisions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's June 15, 2006 Economic Development Access Fund Policy.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED,** that $450,000 ($300,000 unmatched, $150,000 matched) of the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Economic Development, Airport and Rail Access Fund be allocated to provide adequate access to eligible property located off U. S. Highway 52, in the County of Bland, Project 0672-010-714, N501 contingent upon:

1. All right of way, environmental assessments and remediation, and utility adjustments being provided at no cost to the Commonwealth; and

2. Execution of an appropriate contractual agreement between the County of Bland (LOCALITY) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), to provide for the:

   a. design, administration, construction and maintenance of this project; and

   b. payment of all ineligible costs, and of any eligible costs in excess of this allocation, from sources other than those administered by VDOT; and

   c. provision of an appropriate bond or other acceptable surety device by the LOCALITY to VDOT, not to expire before December 20, 2012 without written permission of VDOT. Such surety device shall provide for reimbursement to VDOT of any expenses incurred by the Economic Development, Airport and Rail Access Fund for this project's construction not justified by the eligible capital outlay of establishments served by the project. If, by September 20, 2012, at least $6,000,000 of eligible capital outlay on parcels served exclusively by this project has not been expended or committed by firm contract by a qualified establishment or establishments, then an amount equal to 10% of up to $3,000,000 of the eligible capital outlay and 5% between $3,000,000 and $6,000,000 of the eligible capital outlay will be credited toward the project's allocation. This surety may be released or reduced at an earlier date upon provision of documentation of eligible capital outlay by a qualified establishment, or establishments; and

3. Provision of the required $150,000 in matching funds from the general fund of the LOCALITY; and

4. Determination by VDOT of eligible capital outlay in accordance with current policy and procedures for administering the Economic Development Access Program.

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