




# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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**DATE:** September 16, 2015

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**TO:** Charles A. Kilpatrick, P.E.  
Commissioner of Highways

**SUBJECT:** Finding of Public Interest for I-66 outside the Beltway Project

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In August 2015, the Commissioner of Highways ("Commissioner") provided a Finding of Public Interest ("FOPI") for the proposed improvements to I-66 outside the Beltway ("Project") pursuant to § 33.2-1803.1, and sought affirmation of the FOPI from the Public Private Partnership Advisory Committee ("Committee").

On August 17, 2015, the Committee met and was presented the FOPI by the Commissioner and after receiving public comments, took action through an affirmative vote of a majority of Committee members, that the Committee concurs with the Commissioner's findings, pursuant to §33.2-1803.2, and finds that the proposed development and operation of the Project as a qualifying transportation facility under the PPTA serves the public interest.

On September 15, 2015, in accordance with the 2014 PPTA Manual and Guidelines, the Commissioner and the VAP3 Director briefed the Board on the current project development activities of the Project, the contents of the FOPI and Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") and the determination of the Committee.

On September 16, 2015, in accordance with the provisions of the PPTA and the 2014 PPTA Manual and Guidelines adopted by VDOT and DRPT and based on the briefing provided by the Commissioner and VAP3 Director, the Board approved the issuance of a RFQ to begin the procurement of the Project;.

Based on the rationale discussed in the Commissioner's FOPI, affirmation of the Committee and approval of the Board, I concur that the development and procurement of I-66 outside the Beltway Project pursuant to the PPTA is in the public interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Additionally, I approve the Project proceeding in accordance with subdivision 2 of § 33.2-1819 of the Code of Virginia. This approval is based on the scope and complexity of this multimodal Project and the anticipated benefits as outlined in the Commissioner's FOPI, such as the ability to share or transfer major Project risks; the utilization of Alternative Technical Concepts adding potential value to the Project and the potential synergy of design, construction, financing (including debt and/or equity), tolling, operations and maintenance under one agreement.