B. NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS - VIRGINIA

The attached letter from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approving the National Highway System (NHS) modifications requested subsequent to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) statewide highway functional reclassification process includes 557 and deletes 224 miles from the State’s (Conditionally Approved) NHS.

Attachment 21-B
Memorandum

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Subject: **INFORMATION:** National Highway System Modifications—Virginia

From: Shari Schachtlein
Director
Office of Human Environment

To: Irene Rico
Division Administrator (HDA-VA)
Richmond, OR

Date: October 9, 2015

In Reply Refer To: HEPH-20

We have reviewed the submittal from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requesting changes to the National Highway System (NHS). In 2013 and 2014, VDOT coordinated a statewide review of highway functional classification with local jurisdictions, which resulted in the reclassification of numerous roadways. This included downgrading or upgrading of principal arterials throughout the State. Subsequent to your approval of the functional reclassification, VDOT requested corresponding changes to the NHS. The requested NHS additions provide connectivity and improve continuity to existing NHS routes; the requested NHS deletions coincide with the NHS regulations requiring all routes on the NHS, with the exception of NHS Intermodal Connectors, be principal arterials. The requested deletions also remove “dangling segments” that do not enhance the existing NHS. As the requested changes comply with 23 CFR 470, I hereby approve the following changes:

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We will update the FHWA NHS record to add and delete the specific segments as identified on GIS corrections shapefile that VDOT submitted on June 19, 2015. The approved changes will be reflected in the official NHS map record, [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national_highway_system/nhs_maps/virginia/index.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national_highway_system/nhs_maps/virginia/index.cfm). We commend the State for working with local planning partners in submitting these requests. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mike Neathery at (202) 366-1257.

cc: Ivan Rucker