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Accordingly, on a motion by Board Member Burrell, seconded by Board Member Campbell, the Board approved the Creedmoor Thoroughfare Plan.

Additional Business

Approval – Long-Range Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

Upon a recommendation from the Long-Range Planning Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Dunn, seconded by Board Member Cowell to approve the Long-Range Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.

A copy of this agenda item is made a part of the record of this meeting and filed as an addendum to Minute Book 23A.

Approval – Traffic Noise Abatement Policy

Upon a recommendation from the Safety and Emerging Issues Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Helms, seconded by Board Member Cowell to approve the NCDOT Traffic Noise Abatement Policy.

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Approval – Resolution for Colonel Robert K. Morgan

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Myers, seconded by Board Member Cowell to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert K. Morgan was born July 13, 1918 in Asheville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert K. Morgan joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1940 and trained as a pilot in the B-17 Flying Fortress; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert K. Morgan received his advanced B-17 flight training in Walla Walla, Washington and on December 12, 1941, just five days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, pinned on his Pilot Wings and received his Second Lieutenant bars; and

WHEREAS, in October 1942, Colonel Robert K. Morgan piloted a B-17, which he named “Memphis Belle” for his wartime sweetheart Margaret Polk to Bassingbourn, England. Morgan and his crew of nine joined the 91st Bomb Group, 324th Bombardment Squadron in bombing raids in France and Germany; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert K. Morgan piloted “Memphis Bell” through skies over Nazi-occupied Europe filled with anti-aircraft flack and enemy fighters for 10 months without the loss of a single crewman. They became the first bomber crew to complete 25 missions and returned home as heroes; and

WHEREAS, after a 30-city public relations/war bond tour, Colonel Robert K. Morgan began training in the new B-29 bomber and was deployed to Saipan in Marianas Islands in the Pacific Ocean in October 1944; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 1944, Col. Robert K. Morgan, piloting his B-29 bomber named “Dauntless Dotty” led the first B-29 braid on Tokyo. This was the first time the United States had bombed Tokyo since the raid by James Doolittle in April 1942. He completed another 24 successful B-29 missions; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert K. Morgan retired from the United States Air Force Reserve as a full Colonel in 1965 and continued to make personal appearances around the world about his experiences until his tragic death earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation to honor Colonel Robert K. Morgan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge on Airport Road (N.C. 280) over Interstate 26 in Buncombe County as the ***Colonel Robert K. Morgan Bridge*** for his courage and heroic actions that lead to the safe completion of 25 missions over Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.