

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Item # 7

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2010

MOTION

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

<u>Title: Virginia Byway Designation – Whistle Stop Byway – Giles County Route 635 and</u> <u>Craig County Route 600</u>

WHEREAS, under the authority of §33.1-62 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is authorized to designate Virginia Byways in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) after providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Giles County Board of Supervisors and the Craig County Board of Supervisors, the staffs of DCR and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have reviewed and determined that the following routes substantially meet the criteria as a Virginia Byway:

- Route 635 (Big Stony Creek Road) in Giles County from the intersection with Route 460 to the West Virginia state line (16.6 miles)
- Route 600 in Craig County from the West Virginia state line to the intersection with Virginia Byway Route 311 in the Town of Paint Bank (3.2 miles)

WHEREAS, the DCR on August 26, 2010 recommended to VDOT that the routes herein described be designated as Virginia Byways; and

WHEREAS, the procedures required by §33.1-62 have been followed and the views of the citizens and local governing body have been considered; and

WHEREAS, while once designated, it is the sense of the CTB that such designation should not limit roadway improvements or maintenance by the VDOT, or prevent the CTB

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from exercising its general power and duties to locate, construct, improve and maintain all highways in the Commonwealth. Further, VDOT is directed to make every effort to ensure that the scenic integrity of Virginia's Byways are maintained in order to preserve and protect the unique natural resources, and promote and protect Virginia's vital tourism industry and the thousands of jobs associated therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Route 635 in Giles County and Route 600 in Craig County as herein described be designated as Virginia Byways.

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