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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Item #2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

November 24, 2020

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes, Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Route 1 to “Richmond Highway” in Prince William County

WHEREAS, Prince William County requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 within Prince William County from Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 1 is currently named Richmond Highway in Virginia from the Washington, D.C. boundary to the northern boundary of Prince William County as it runs through the City of Alexandria, Arlington County and Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of Supervisors seeks to rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 within Prince William County to Richmond Highway to be consistent with portions of the roadway to the north; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of Supervisors expressed intent to rename U.S. Route 1 within Prince William County along with the intent to mitigate impacts of the renaming on small businesses with the issuance of directives in June and July of 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to the directives, County staff have identified the necessary processes and policies to successfully implement the renaming of Route 1 within Prince William County with minimal impact to the residents and businesses of the County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Prince William County has requested, by resolution dated September 8, 2020, that the CTB rename the portion

of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, located within the boundaries of Prince William County, to “Richmond Highway”; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, in its resolution dated September 8, 2020, indicated that Prince William County agrees to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and requested that the change be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by VDOT and Prince William County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby renames U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, that is within the boundaries of Prince William County to “Richmond Highway”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming as funding is made available by the locality, and secure payment from Prince William County for these costs as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to implement the naming in coordination with Prince William County on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by VDOT and Prince William County.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: Renaming Route 1 to “Richmond Highway” in Prince William County

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the renaming of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, within the boundaries of Prince William County, to “Richmond Highway”, as requested by Prince William County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Facts: The Prince William County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on September 8, 2020 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 within Prince William County to “Richmond Highway”. As noted in that resolution, U.S. Route 1 is a significant corridor in Prince William County which spans the entire length of the eastern side of the County through three Magisterial Districts and is part of the State highway system.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors initially expressed intent to rename U.S. Route 1 within Prince William County with the issuance of Directive 20-45 on June 16, 2020, and further expressed intent to mitigate impacts of renaming Route 1 within Prince William County on small businesses with the issuance of Directive 20-54 on July 14, 2020. In response to these Directives, Prince William County staff have identified the necessary processes and policies to successfully implement the renaming of Route 1 within Prince William County with minimal impact to the residents and businesses of the County.

U.S. Route 1 is currently named “Richmond Highway” in Virginia from the Washington, D.C. boundary line to the northern boundary line of Prince William County, through the jurisdictions of the City of Alexandria, Arlington County and Fairfax County. The Prince William County Board of Supervisors seeks to rename U.S. Route 1 within Prince William County to be consistent with portions of the roadway to the north, and has requested that the change be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by the Virginia Department of Transportation and Prince William County.

Pursuant to § 33.2-213, the CTB has the power and duty to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways, provided that, in a case such as this, the governing body within which the portion of the facility is located has passed a resolution requesting such naming. Pursuant to the statute, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB, while the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia*, § 33.2-213, requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the CTB’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The segment of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, that is within Prince William County, will be renamed to “Richmond Highway”, to be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by the Virginia Department of Transportation and Prince William County, as requested by Prince William County. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Prince William County agrees, by a resolution of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors dated September 8, 2020, to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.

MOTION: BAILEY

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Regular Meeting**

SECOND: FRANKLIN

Res. No. 20-627

ACTION: REQUEST THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD CHANGE THE NAME OF ROUTE 1 IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FROM JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY TO RICHMOND HIGHWAY – VARIOUS MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

RE: APPROVED

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia grants authority to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to name highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities in the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 requires a resolution passed by the governing body of a locality and approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board to change the name of a roadway in the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Route 1 is a significant corridor in Prince William County, which spans the entire length of the eastern side of the County through three Magisterial Districts, and is part of the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors expressed intent to rename Route 1 / Jefferson Davis Highway with the issuance of Directive 20-45 on June 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors further expressed intent to mitigate impacts of renaming Route 1 / Jefferson Davis Highway on small businesses with the issuance of Directive 20-54 on July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to these Directives, County staff have identified the necessary processes and policies to successfully implement the renaming of Route 1 within Prince William with minimal impact to the residents and businesses of the County; and

WHEREAS, Route 1 is currently named Richmond Highway in Virginia, from the Washington D.C. boundary line to the northern boundary line of Prince William County, through the jurisdictions of the City of Alexandria and Counties of Arlington and Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors seek to rename Route 1 within Prince William County jurisdiction to Richmond Highway to be consistent with portions of the roadway to the north;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board change the name of Route 1 within the boundaries of Prince William County to Richmond Highway to be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by the Virginia Department of Transportation and the County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs shall be paid by Prince William County, as required by Section 33.2-213, if the name change is approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Votes:

Ayes: Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Franklin, Lawson, Vega, Wheeler

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: Candland

Absent from Meeting: None

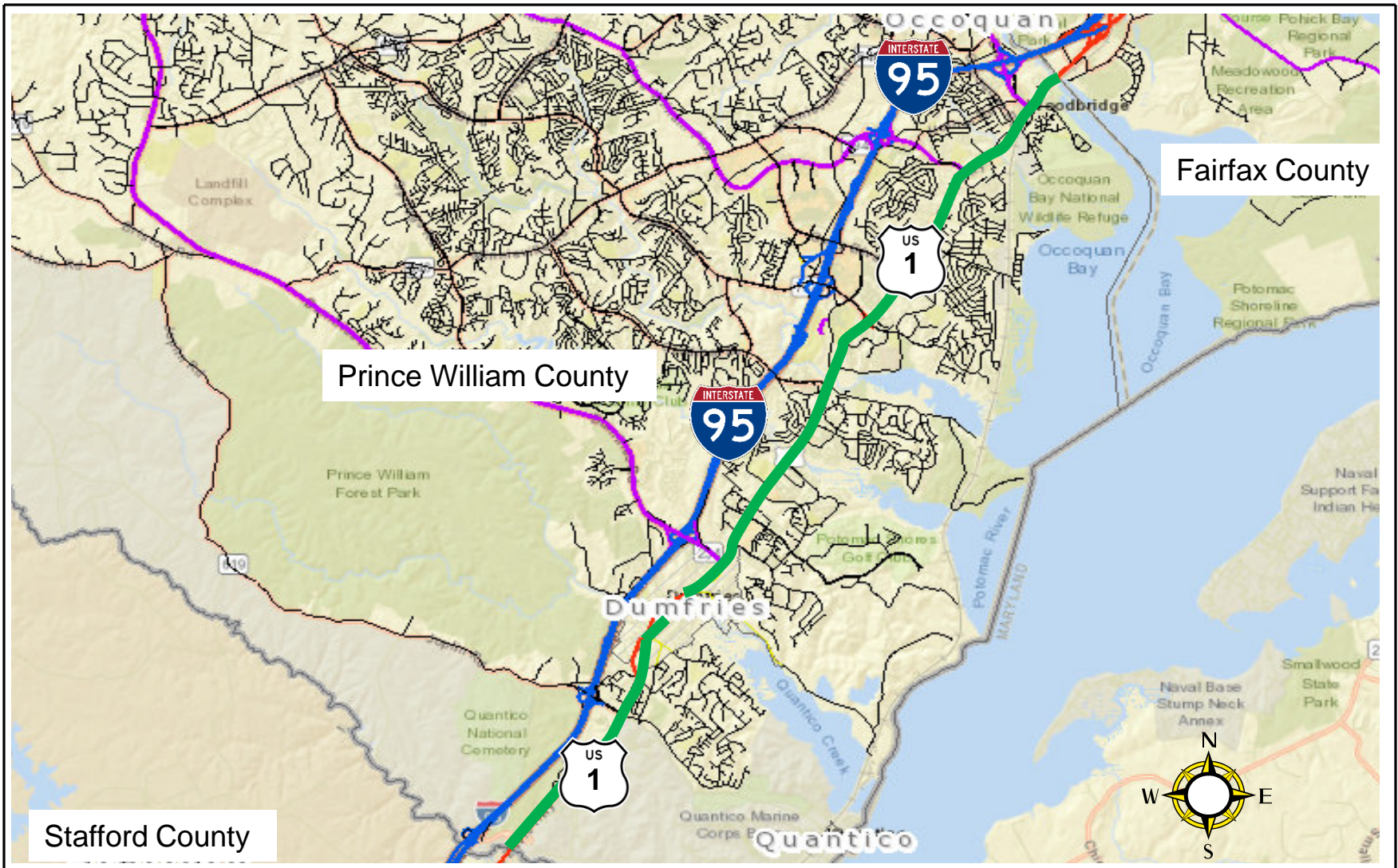
For Information:

Director of Transportation

ATTEST: _____

Andrea P. Madden


Clerk to the Board



Maintenance Division

CTB Meeting: November 24, 2020

Prince William County
Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
“Richmond Highway”

 Proposed Highway Naming