

**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA** 

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 16, 2020

### **MOTION**

<u>Made By:</u> Mr. Williams, <u>Seconded By:</u> Ms. Hynes <u>Action:</u> Motion Carried, Unanimously

### Title: Location Approval for the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension

**WHEREAS,** State Highway Project 0668-020-R36, P101, R201, C501 (UPC #112974) will extend Route 668 (Woolridge Road) in Chesterfield County from Route 288 to Route 754 (Old Hundred Road) (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the \$33.2-208 of the *Code of Virginia* and the policies and regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), including 24 VAC 30-380-10, a Location Public Hearing was held on March 5, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Midlothian High School, 401 Charter Colony Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114 for the purpose of considering the alignment alternatives for the location of the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension. See attached exhibit; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of the public hearing and the potential alignments to be considered was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations on the alternatives under consideration, and their statements have been duly recorded; and Resolution of the Board Location Approval for the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension September 16, 2020 Page 2 of 2

**WHEREAS**, the economic, social and environmental effects of the evaluated alternative alignments have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence, has been carefully reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) Environmental Division has completed environmental reviews and coordination to identify environmental resources in the project vicinity, provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during development, determine the potential for environmental impacts upon the local community and surrounding area and identifies opportunities for avoidance and minimization of potential and unavoidable environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project is not programmed with any federal funding, therefore the National Environmental Policy Act does not apply to this Project; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 27, 2020 the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors endorsed Alternative #1-West Alignment for the location of the Project. See attached exhibit; and

**WHEREAS,** review of all data resulted in VDOT's recommendation that the Project be located on Alternative #1-West Alignment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the CTB hereby approves Alternative #1-West Alignment, for the location of the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension as proposed and presented at the March 5, 2020 Location Public Hearing

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### Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Decision Brief

### Location Approval for the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension in Chesterfield County

**Issue:** The Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension will provide a new 1.2 mile, four-lane divided roadway with curb and gutter along the outside edge of pavement and six (6) foot inside shoulders (4 foot paved) with a 27 foot graded ditch median between Route 754 (Old Hundred Road) and Route 288.

**Facts:** The purpose of the project is to extend Route 668 (Woolridge Road) from Route 288 to Route 754 (Old Hundred Road) to complete an important link in Chesterfield County's "Thoroughfare Plan" and improve access for residents in this part of Chesterfield County.

**Recommendations:** Virginia Department of Transportation recommends approval of Alternative #1-West Alignment for the location of the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension in its entirety, as proposed and shown on the attached exhibit.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* \$33.2-208, requires a majority vote of the CTB to locate and establish the routes to be followed by the roads comprising systems of state highways between points designated in the establishment of such systems.

**Result, if Approved:** If approved by the Board, the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension project will move forward to the design approval phase.

**Options:** Approve, Deny or Defer

**Public Comments/ Reaction**: Chesterfield County held a Location Public Hearing on March 5, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Midlothian High School, 401 Charter Colony Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114. Citizens that attended were able to view displays for the project and submit comments.

Forty-six (46) citizens attended the Location Public Hearing. Twenty-three (23) written comments/emails were received. Eleven (11) supported the project, seven (7) did not support the project and five (5) were neutral/not sure.

On May 27, 2020, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors endorsed Alternative #1-West Alignment, which best meets the objectives of the project while addressing the concerns of the citizens comments received during the Location Public Hearing process. See attached exhibit.

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2017, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, approved a resolution endorsing the Revenue Sharing application to the extension of Woolridge Road from Route 288 to Old Hundred Road; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County advertised and a held a public meeting for the Nash Road Extension project on March 5, 2020 to provide an overview of the project, present alignment alternatives 1 and 2, and solicit input from the public; and

WHEREAS, based on citizen feedback there is general support for the project; and

WHEREAS, based on the written comments received and to provide the most cost-effective project, the preferred alternative, Alternative 1 was selected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County hereby endorses and supports the proposed Woolridge Road Extended alignment.



# CHESTERFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA

### Meeting Date: May 27, 2020

Item Number: 8.B.1.h.

### Subject:

Resolution of Support for the Proposed Woolridge Road Extended Alignment

### **Board Action Requested:**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution of support for the proposed Woolridge Road Extended alignment.

### **Summary of Information:**

On September 27, 2017, the Board adopted a resolution endorsing the Revenue Sharing application to fund the extension of Woolridge Road from Rt. 288 to Old Hundred Road. Preliminary engineering for the project began in October 2018.

A Location Public Hearing was held March 5, 2020 to provide an overview of the project, present alignment alternatives 1 and 2, and solicit input from the public. Based on citizen feedback there is general support for the project.

Based on the written comments received and to provide the most cost-effective project, the preferred alternative, Alternative 1 was selected.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is required to approve the proposed location or alignment of the Woolridge Road Extension. A resolution of support from the county is requested for consideration by the CTB at their June Meeting.

### Attachments:

- 1. Woolridge Road Ext\_Resolution
- 2. Woolridge Road Ext\_Alignment Alternatives

### Attachments:

- 1. Attachment A Woolridge Ext\_Resolution of Support
- 2. Attachment B Woolridge Ext\_Alignment\_Alternative\_Reduced

Preparer: Brent Epps, Director of Transportation

Approved By:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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September 1, 2020

The Honorable Shannon Valentine The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E. The Honorable Jennifer Mitchell The Honorable Jerry L. Stinson The Honorable Mary Hughes Hynes The Honorable Allison DeTuncq The Honorable Bert Dodson, Jr. The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller III The Honorable Carlos M. Brown The Honorable Cedric Bernard Rucker The Honorable Stephen A. Johnsen The Honorable F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr. The Honorable E. Scott Kasprowicz The Honorable Raymond D. Smoot, Jr. The Honorable Marty Williams The Honorable John Malbon The Honorable Greg Yates

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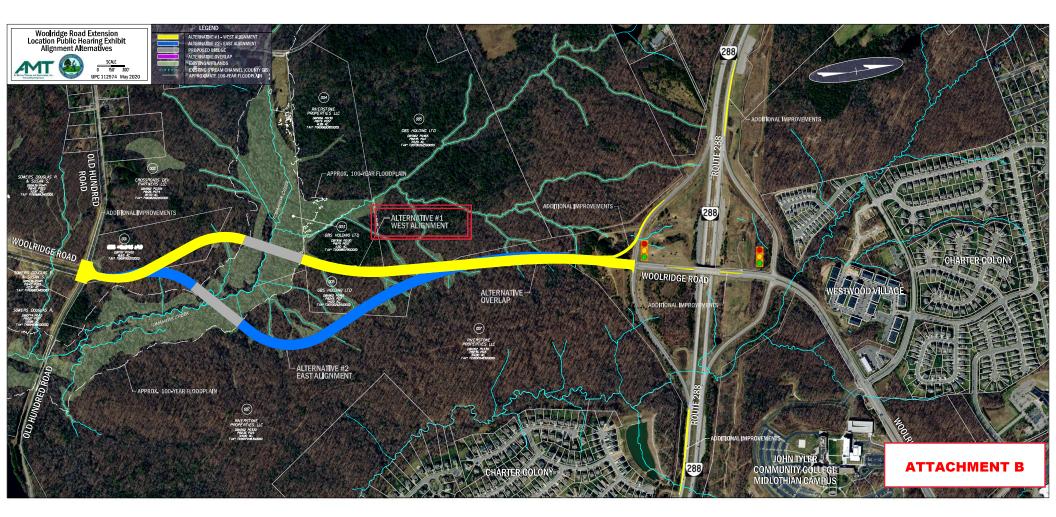
Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for Location Approval for your consideration. The proposed Location Approval on State Highway Project 0668-020-R36, P101, R201, C501 has been recommended for approval by the Department's staff.

I have reviewed the staff's recommendations and determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

Barton A. Thrasher, P.E. Chief Engineer



# CTB LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension Project Chesterfield County

State Project: 0668-020-R36, P101, R201, C501 UPC: 112974 Federal Project: N/A Fr: Route 288 To: Route 754 (Old Hundred Road) Project Length: 1.2 mile

# **PROJECT HISTORY –**

Growth in the area south of Route 288 and increased traffic along the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) corridor as well as being an important link in Chesterfield County's thoroughfare plan.

# **PROJECT PURPOSE –**

The extension of Route 668 (Woolridge Road) will provide a missing link in Chesterfield County's transportation network. Providing this new link will result in shifts in travel patterns in the surrounding area, more evenly spreading traffic volume on the surrounding arterials and adjacent interchanges with Route 288. Moreover, extending Route 668 (Woolridge Road) and modifying the Route 288 interchange will make better use of the existing interchange by providing access to and from the west of Route 288.

# **TYPICAL SECTION -**

The Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension will provide a new 1.2 mile, four-lane divided roadway with curb and gutter along the outside edge of pavement and six (6) foot inside shoulders (4 foot paved) with a 27 foot graded ditch median.

# PUBLIC HEARING -

| Type-      | Location                   |
|------------|----------------------------|
| Date -     | March 5, 2020              |
| Time -     | 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.     |
| Location – | Midlothian High School     |
|            | 401 Charter Colony Parkway |
|            | Midlothian, Virginia 23114 |

# ATTENDANCE -

Forty-six (46) citizens attended the Location Public Hearing.

# **COMMENTS RECEIVED** –

Twenty-three (23) written comments/emails were received. Eleven (11) supported the project, seven (7) did not support the project and five (5) were neutral/not sure.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL DATA -

The State Environmental Review Process (SERP) for Project # 0668-020-R36 (UPC 112974) has been completed and the State natural resource agencies have had opportunity to comment on the project. The Preliminary Environmental Inventory (PEI) for the project was completed in April 2019. The PEI contains information about the environmental resources in the project vicinity and summarizes any commitments identified for the project, as a result of the SERP. The PEI is based on current project parameters, as described in the Project Early Notification (EQ-429).

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval process required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best practices will protect the environment during construction.

# ESTIMATED COST -

| Preliminary Engineering    | - \$ 5,000,000 |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Right of Way and Utilities | - \$ 1,000,000 |
| Construction               | - \$43,000,000 |
| Total estimated cost       | - \$49,000,000 |

# ADVERTISEMENT -

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in May 2023.

# **RIGHT OF WAY** –

No families, businesses or non-profit organizations will be displaced as a result of this project.

# TRAFFIC DATA -

It is anticipated that in the design year of 2044 the average daily traffic volume will be 30,662 vehicles per day on the new roadway.

# **STAFF RECOMMENDS –**

Approval of Alternative #1-West Alignment as the location of the Route 668 (Woolridge Road) Extension as proposed and presented at the Location Public Hearing and shown on the attached exhibit.