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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Ms. DeTuncq **Seconded By:** Mr. Kasprowicz
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

**Title: Virginia Byway Designation – Route 240, Route 810, Route 230, and Route 626
in Albemarle, Greene and Madison Counties**

WHEREAS, under the authority of §33.2-405 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 Albemarle, Greene, and Madison Counties Boards of Supervisors, the staffs of DCR and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have reviewed and determined that the following routes substantially meet the current criteria as Virginia Byways:

- Route 240 – from the intersection with Route 250 (Brownsville) to the intersection with Route 810 in Crozet
- Route 810 – from the intersection with Route 240 within Crozet to the Greene County line.
- Route 810 – from the Albemarle County line to Route 33 in Stanardsville
- Route 230 – in Stanardsville from Business Route 33 to the Madison County line
- Route 230 – from the Greene County line to Route 29
- Route 626 – from Route 29 to the intersection with Route 231 in the Town of Madison

WHEREAS, the DCR Director, on September 25, 2020, recommended to VDOT that the route herein described be designated as a Virginia Byway; and

WHEREAS, the procedures required by §33.2-405 have been followed and the views of the citizens and local governing body have been considered; and

WHEREAS, once designated as a Virginia Byway, it is the sense of the CTB that such designation should not limit roadway improvements or maintenance by VDOT, or prevent the CTB from exercising its general power and duties to locate, construct, improve and maintain all highways in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Routes 240 and 810 in Albemarle County; Routes 810 and 230 in Greene County; and Routes 230 and 626 in Madison County are herein described be designated as a Virginia Byway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to make every effort to ensure that the scenic integrity of Virginia's Byways is 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.

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CTB DECISION BRIEF

Virginia Byway Designations

Routes 240, 810, 230 and 626 in Albemarle, Greene and Madison Counties

Issue: §33.1-62 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), to designate Virginia Byways. Although the two agencies may take the initiative with respect to the designation of a highway as a Virginia Byway, typically, the governing body of a locality requests, by resolution, the designation of a road as a Virginia Byway and the agencies then review the request.

Facts: The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, at its 7 July 2021 meeting, adopted a resolution supporting the designation of Route 240 from its intersection with Route 250 to Route 810; and the designation of Route 810 in Crozet through Albemarle to the Greene County line as Virginia Byways.

The Greene County Board of Supervisors, at its 22 January 2019 meeting, adopted a resolution supporting the designation of Route 810 from the Albemarle County line to Route 33 in Stanardsville; and Route 230 in Stanardsville from Business Route 33 to the Madison County line as Virginia Byways.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors, at its 27 November 2018 meeting, adopted a resolution supporting the designation of Route 230 from the Greene County line to Route 29; and Route 626 from Route 29 to designated Virginia Byway Route 231, as Virginia Byways.

A review team comprised of staff from DCR and VDOT evaluated the abovementioned routes in Albemarle, Greene, and Madison Counties, and determined the routes, as depicted on the attached location map, meet the current adopted criteria for designation as Virginia Byways. Providing a panoramic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah National Park the corridor takes travelers along rural agricultural foothills and passes through three historic districts (Crozet, Stanardsville, and Madison County Courthouse). Easily accessible attractions along the corridor are numerous vineyards (Mountfair, White Hall, Moss, etc.), recreational sites (Sugar Hollow Park, Patricia Ann Byrom Forest Park, etc.) farmers markets, and Blue Ridge Heritage Memorials. Blue Ridge Heritage Memorials honor the families displaced from the Blue Ridge Mountains when Shenandoah National Park was created in the 1930s. Collectively, these attributes provide justification for consideration of these designations. If approved, 41.0 miles will be added to the Virginia Byway system, bringing the total inventory to approximately 3,500 miles.

Recommendation: The CTB approve the following designations

Albemarle County: Route 240 from Route 250 (Brownsville) to Route 810, (1.4 miles)
Route 810 from Route 240 to the Greene County line, (19.7 miles)

Greene County: Route 810 from the Albemarle County line to Route 33, (8.1 miles)
Route 230 from Business Route 33 to the Madison County line, (3.4 miles)

Madison County: Route 230 from the Greene County line to Route 29, (7.6 miles)
 Route 626 from Route 29 to Route 231, (0.8 miles)

Action Required by the CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority vote of the CTB before the byway designation can be implemented. A resolution is provided for a formal vote.

Result, if Approved: Virginia Byway signs will be installed by VDOT, at each termini and along the routes, as appropriate.

Options: Approve, deny, or defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: Albemarle County held a public hearing on 7 July 2021, no comments were received. Greene and Madison Counties elected not to hold public hearings due to previous public hearings and presentations at multiple Board meetings.

