



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Miller **Seconded By:** Mr. Stinson
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Discontinuance – Primary System of State Highways Route 276 in Rockingham County

WHEREAS, VDOT Project 0276-082-005 realigned Route 276 in Rockingham County;
and

WHEREAS, three segments of Route 276, located in Rockingham County, measuring a total of approximately 0.23 of a mile, are no longer necessary for the uses of the Primary state highway system, and therefore no longer provide a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense, rendering them eligible for discontinuance; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Administrator has submitted a letter, attached hereto as Exhibit A, expressing the County Board of Supervisors' support of the discontinuance described as Route 276, Segments A to F, G to B1, and B1 to H, and measuring approximately 0.23 of a mile, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.2-901 of the *Code of Virginia*, a section of highway may be discontinued from the Primary state highway system by the Commissioner of Highways, with the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, if the highway is deemed to be no longer necessary for the uses of the Primary state highway system when a part of the highway has been or is straightened or the location of a part of it is altered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the discontinuance of the roadway segments identified below and as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto, as part of the Primary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2-901, *Code of Virginia*, as the roadway is no longer necessary for the uses of the Primary state highway system and is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense.

Primary System of State Highways

Discontinuance

Staunton District

Rockingham County

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| • Route 276, Segment A to F | 0.07 Mi. |
| • Route 276, Segment G to B1 | 0.10 Mi. |
| • Route 276, Segment B1 to H | 0.06 Mi. |

Total Mileage Discontinued from the Primary System: 0.23 Mi.

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CTB Decision Brief

Discontinuance – Primary System of State Highways Portion of Route 276 in Rockingham County

Issue: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), with the support of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, proposes to discontinue three segments of Route 276 in Rockingham County, which total 0.23 of a mile in length. This proposed discontinuance is a result of VDOT Project 0276-082-005. Pursuant to §33.2-901 of the *Code of Virginia*, said discontinuance must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

Facts: VDOT Project 0276-082-005 includes the realignment of Route 276. Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined that three segments of Route 276 should be discontinued as a part of the Primary System of State Highways, pursuant to § 33.2-901 of the *Code of Virginia*, as they are no longer necessary for the uses of the Primary state highway system, and therefore no longer provide a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense due to the construction and realignment of Route 276.

The Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, by letter of support on July 27, 2021 (Exhibit A, attached), supports the Board's discontinuance of the segments of Route 276 (road noted in "Light Blue" as Segments A-F, G-B1, and B1-H on Exhibit B, attached), which is located in Rockingham County.

Recommendation: VDOT recommends the Board approve the discontinuance of the segments of Route 276 referenced above.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board's members to approve the proposed discontinuance. A draft resolution and an exhibit describing the proposed road segments to be discontinued is provided for the Board's consideration.

Result if Approved: If approved, VDOT will suspend all its maintenance activity on the roadway segments.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reaction: Section 33.2-901 does not include a public notification requirement, but information regarding proposed changes to the highway system inventories was made publicly available during the planning and construction phases of VDOT Project 0276-082-005. This request for discontinuance is for the purpose of providing vehicular access to parcels and landowners which would be left with no access due to the Route 276 realignment. The Department has received no objections regarding the proposed changes.

Exhibit A

Board of Supervisors' Letter of Support



STEPHEN G. KING
County Administrator



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

July 27, 2021

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David B. Atwood, P.E., Area Land Use Engineer
VDOT – Harrisonburg Residency
3536 North Valley Pike
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

RE: VDOT Project Number 0276-082-005

Dear Mr. Atwood:

In my capacity as County Administrator and on behalf of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, the County supports the VDOT Project 0276-082-005 road improvements and the related highway system changes associated with this project. These highway changes include the following code sections and are illustrated in the attached project sketch:

- Va Code 33.2-906: Primary abandonment of four (4) segments of Route 276
- Va Code 33.2-901: Primary discontinuance of three (3) segments of Route 276
- Va Code 33.2-310: Primary addition of four (4) segments of Route 276
- Va Code 33.2-705: Secondary Addition of two (2) segments of Route 679 (Pleasant Valley Road and Battlefield Road)

If you have any questions related to this project, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

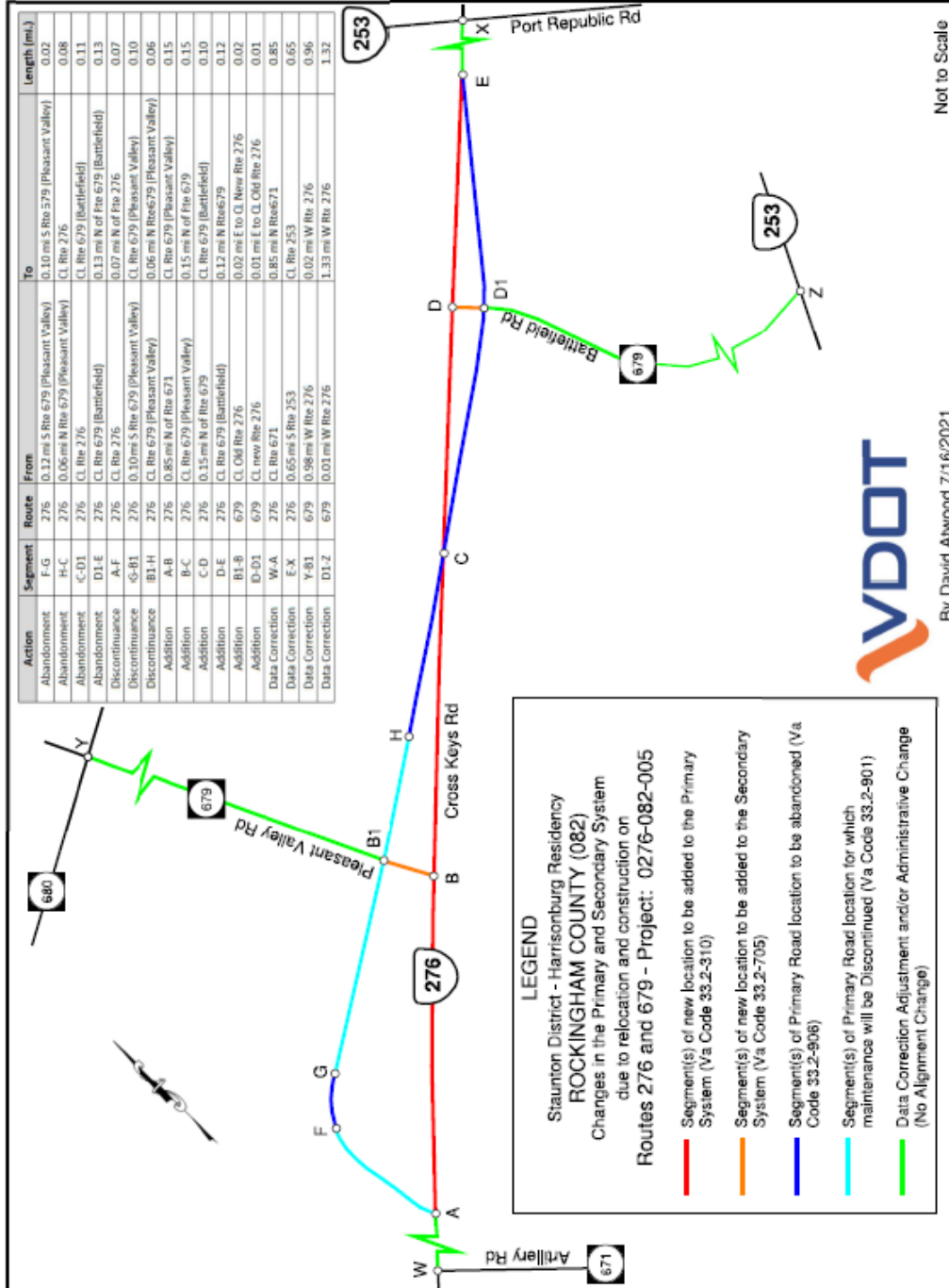
Stephen G. King
County Administrator

SGK/tsg

Attachment: Project Sketch

Exhibit B

Sketch Including Proposed Road Segments to be Discontinued Route 276, Segments A-F, G-B1 and B1-H, noted in Light Blue



By David Atwood 7/16/2021

Not to Scale

LEGEND

Staunton District - Harrisonburg Residency
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY (082)
Changes in the Primary and Secondary System
due to relocation and construction on
Routes 276 and 679 - Project: 0276-082-005

- Segment(s) of new location to be added to the Primary System (Va Code 33.2-310)
- Segment(s) of new location to be added to the Secondary System (Va Code 33.2-705)
- Segment(s) of Primary Road location to be abandoned (Va Code 33.2-906)
- Segment(s) of Primary Road location for which maintenance will be discontinued (Va Code 33.2-901)
- Data Correction Adjustment and/or Administrative Change (No Alignment Change)