



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda Item # 7*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**September 15, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Rucker Seconded By: Ms. Hynes**

**Action: Motion carried, unanimously**

#### **Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of Route 1 to “Richmond Highway” in Stafford County**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Stafford Board of Supervisors seeks to rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 within Stafford County, extending from the border with Prince William County to Enon/Cambridge Street, from Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway, to render the name consistent with portions of the roadway to the north; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, by resolution dated December 15, 2020 and submitted to the CTB on April 7, 2021, Stafford County has expressed its intent and requested that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1, (Jefferson Davis Highway), located within the boundaries of Stafford County, from the County’s northern border with Prince William County south to Enon Road, 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 Stafford County Board of Supervisors, in its resolution dated December 15, 2020, indicated/acknowledged that that § 33.2-213 requires Stafford County to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and further specified that the change be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by VDOT and the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby renames the portion of U.S. Route 1 located within the boundaries of Stafford County, from the County's northern border with Prince William County south to Enon Road/Cambridge Street, from Jefferson Davis Highway 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 to secure payment from Stafford County for these costs as required by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that VDOT is directed, as specified by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors in its December 15, 2020 resolution, to implement the naming in coordination with Stafford County on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by VDOT and Stafford County.

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## CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of Route 1 to “Richmond Highway” in Stafford 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 Stafford County, from the County’s northern border with Prince William County south to Enon Road/Cambridge Street, to “Richmond Highway”, as requested by Stafford County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Facts:** The Stafford County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 15, 2020 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 designated as Jefferson Davis Highway within Stafford County to “Richmond Highway”. As noted in that resolution, which was submitted to CTB members by email on April 7, 2021, U.S. Route 1 is a significant corridor in Stafford County which spans the entire length of the county through three magisterial districts and is part of the state highway system.

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

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 portion of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, that is within Stafford County, extending from the County’s northern border with Prince William County south to Enon Road/Cambridge Street, will be renamed to “Richmond Highway”, as requested by Stafford County. The Stafford County Board of Supervisors indicated/acknowledged in its resolution dated December 15, 2020, that § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* requires Stafford County to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.



## Board of Supervisors

Crystal L. Vanuch, Chairman  
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Tinesha Allen  
Meg Bohmke  
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April 7, 2021

Frederick J. Presley  
County Administrator

### Commonwealth Transportation Board

1401 East Broad Street

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Dear Secretary Valentine and Board Members,

On December 15, 2020, the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Resolution R20-407; *A Resolution to Request the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Change the Name of a Portion of Route 1 in Stafford County from Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway*. In accordance with Virginia Code § 33.2-213, this letter and accompanying signed Resolution R20-407 reflect the Board's legislative intent to request the CTB change the portion of Route 1 in Stafford County designated as Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway.

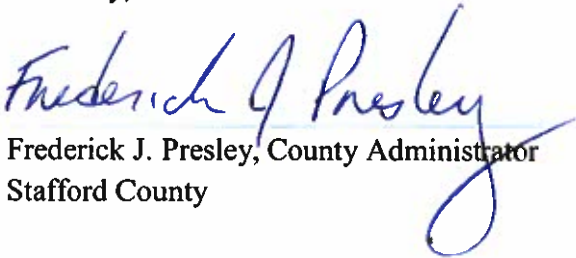
Route 1 in Stafford County is currently designated as Jefferson Davis Highway from the Prince William County line until the Enon Road/Cranes Corner Road intersection, where it becomes Cambridge Street. The CTB permitted the name Richmond Highway for Route 1 for localities north of Stafford within the Northern Virginia Region. As Route 1 is an economic corridor of regional and statewide significance, the Board believes the street name Richmond Highway should be extended into Stafford County to provide for a consistent and contiguous street network from Arlington County to Stafford County.

Governor Northam recently signed House Bill 2075 into law, which designates all portions of Route 1 named Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia as Emancipation Highway by January 1, 2022. It is our understanding that the effective date of this legislation was delayed for the purpose of affording localities the opportunity to petition the CTB to consider alternate naming options. The Board wants to ensure a smooth and orderly transition to the name Richmond Highway by affording County staff, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the CTB the ability to work together to administer the name change.



Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Stafford County appreciates your service to the Commonwealth and respectfully requests the CTB's consideration of the name Richmond Highway on a future CTB meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

  
Frederick J. Presley, County Administrator  
Stafford County

CC: Sec. Shannon Valentine, Chairperson

Mr. Stephen Birch, VDOT Commissioner

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Director of DRPT

Ms. Marcie Parker

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## Board of Supervisors

Mr. Marty Williams

Mr. John Malbon

Mr. Greg Yates

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF STAFFORD  
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020:

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<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Meg Bohmke, Chairman	Yes
Thomas C. Coen, Vice Chairman	Yes
Tinesha O. Allen	Absent
L. Mark Dudenhefer	Yes
Cindy C. Shelton	No
Gary F. Snellings	Absent
Crystal L. Vanuch	Yes

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On motion of Mr. Dudenhefer, seconded by Mr. Coen, which carried by a vote of 4 to 1, the following was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE COMMONWEALTH  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A  
PORTION OF ROUTE 1 IN STAFFORD COUNTY FROM  
JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY TO RICHMOND HIGHWAY

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 Stafford County which spans from the County's northern border with Prince William County to Enon Road (where it changes to Cambridge Street) through three magisterial districts, and is part of the state highway system; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to rename a portion of Route 1 within Stafford County that is currently named Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway to be consistent with portions of the roadway to the north;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, that it be and hereby does requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to change the name of that portion of Route 1 starting from the Stafford County line with Prince William County and ending at Cambridge Street, from Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this name change will be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board understands that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs shall be paid by Stafford County as required by Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia if the name change is approved by the CTB; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that notwithstanding, the County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to provide this resolution to the General Assembly along with a letter requesting funding and other assistance for signs, and for residents and businesses affected by the road name change.

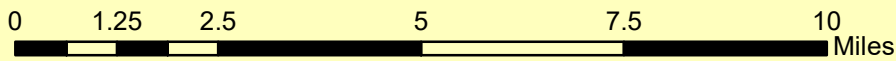
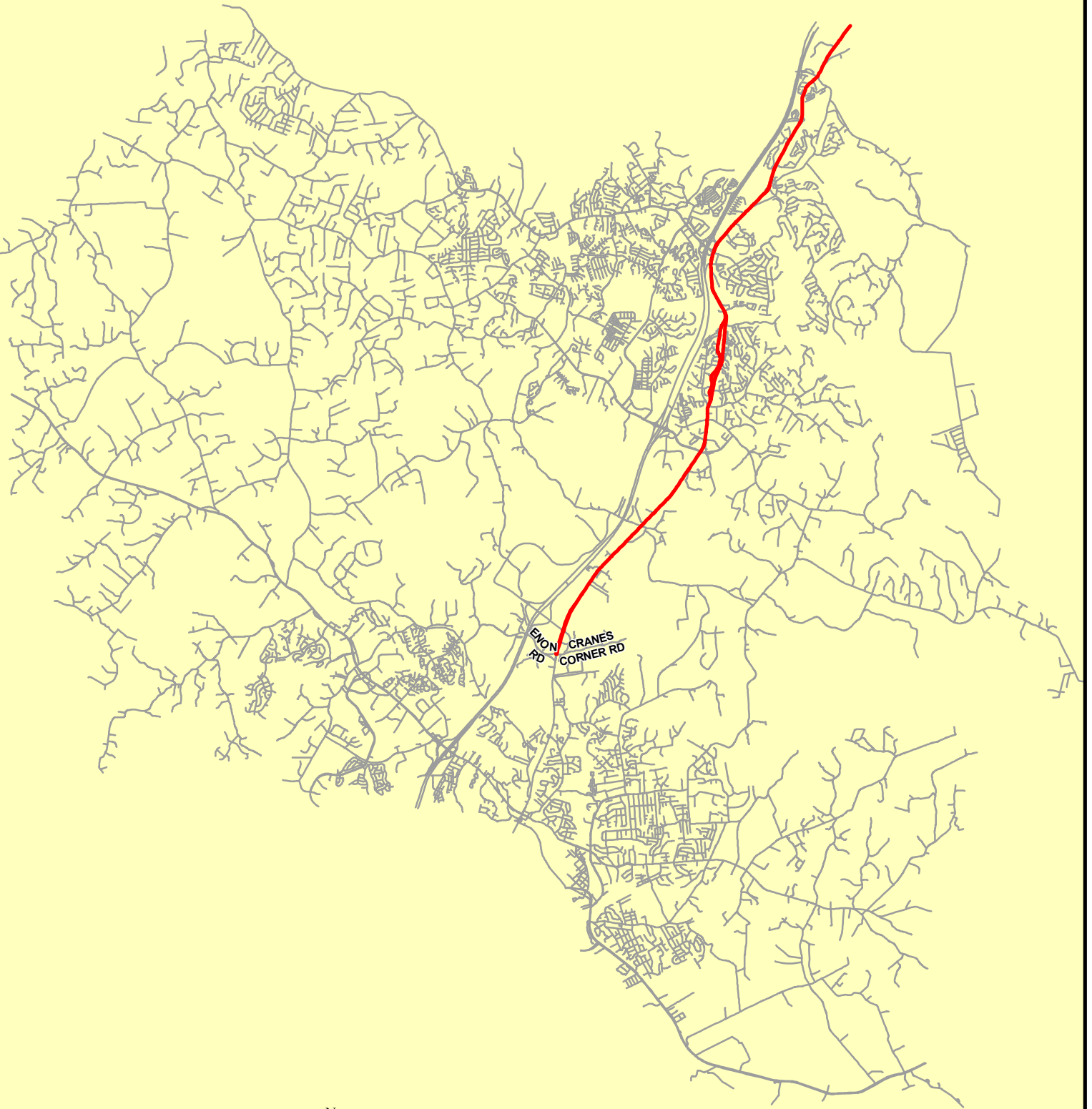
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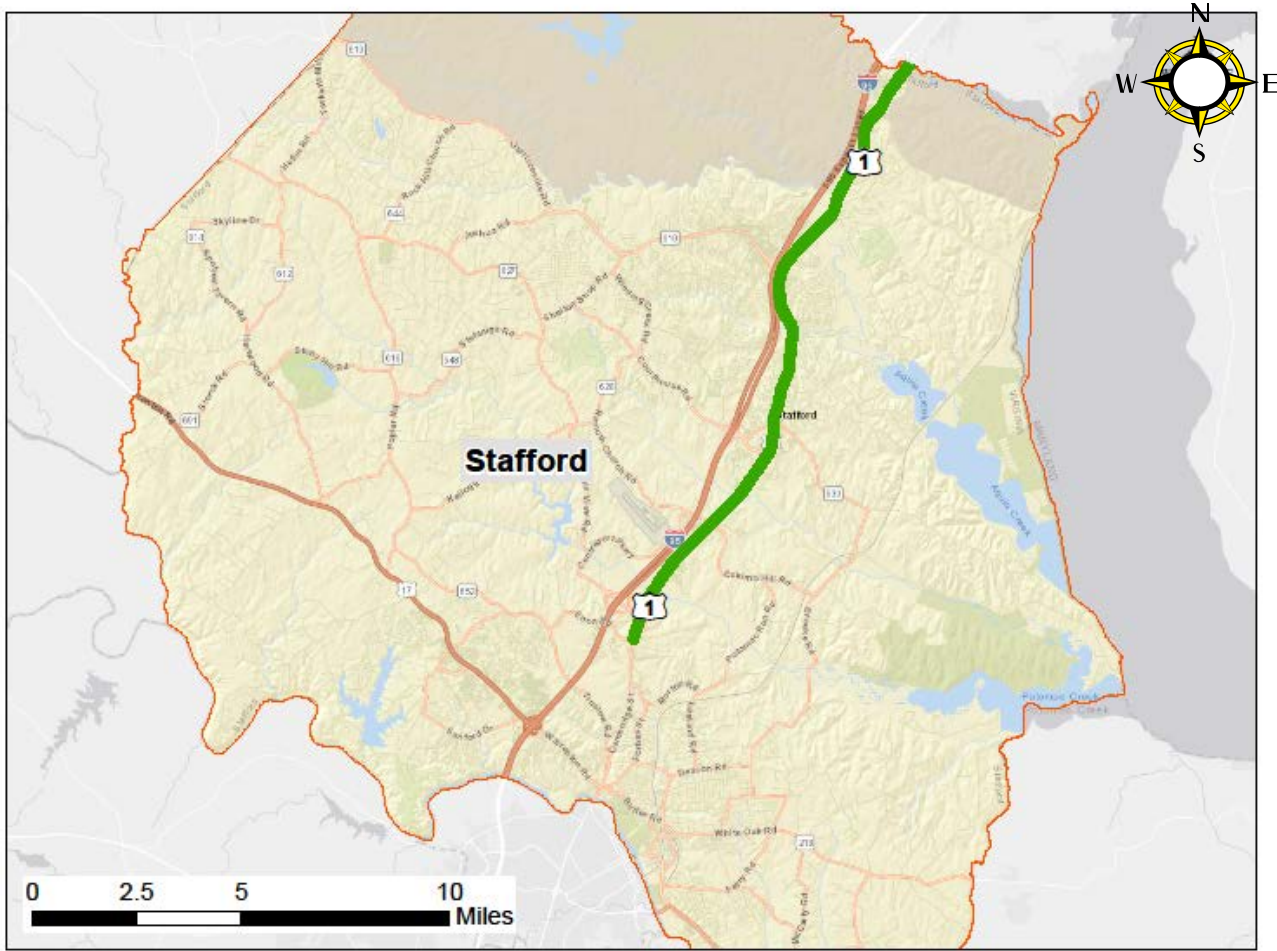
  
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Frederick J. Presley  
County Administrator

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— Jefferson Davis Hwy





Maintenance Division  
Sept 15, 2021

# Stafford County Proposed Highway Segment Naming: "Richmond Highway"

 Proposed Highway Naming