



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 17, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes **Seconded By:** Mr. Johnsen
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Scott County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated January 5, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor the life and service to his community of Mr. Kenneth “Kenny” Fannon, name the bridge on Route 871, Sunbright Highway, at the intersection of Route 871 and Route 653, Scott County, as the “Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Scott County, by resolution dated January 5, 2022 has agreed to pay the cost of producing, placing and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 871, Sunbright Highway, at the intersection of Route 871 and Route 653, Scott County, as the “Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge”.

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 871, Sunbright Highway, at the intersection of Route 871 and Route 653, Scott County as the “Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Scott County enacted a resolution on January 5, 2022 to honor the life and contributions to his community of Mr. Kenneth “Kenny” Fannon of Scott County, Virginia.

According to the Scott County resolution:

Mr. Fannon lived most of his life in Scott County and graduated from Rye Cove High School and Whitney Business College. He served in the United States Army as a Corporal during the Korean War Conflict and later went on to become co-owner and Vice President of Robinette Steel for many years.

He founded and organized Scott County’s largest event, Duffield Daze, where he was chairman for 36 years. He was an avid railroad enthusiast and collector and was a 51-year member of the National Railway Historical Society. He provided railroad programs at National Tunnel State Park, Southwest Virginia Museum, multiple schools and organizations and also opened the Fannon Railroad Museum which was free to visitors.

He served on many local boards including those of the Lonesome Pine Hospital, Scott County Chamber of Commerce, Virginia State Parks, Mountain Empire Community College, Scott County School Board, Scott County Planning Commission, Scott County Industrial Development Authority, Duffield Development Authority and Duffield Fire and Rescue.

After serving his community diligently and selflessly for many years, Mr. Fannon passed away in 2021.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* 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 Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on Route 871, Sunbright Highway, at the intersection of Route 871 and Route 653, Scott County will be known as the “Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, Scott County agrees 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.

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At a meeting of the Scott County Board of Supervisors begun and held in the Supervisors' meeting room located at the Community Services Building in Gate City, Virginia on Wednesday the 5th day of January, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Darrel W. Jeter
Marshall D. Tipton
Jeremy P. Herron
Danny P. Mann – Chairman
Michael K. Brickey
Selma G. Hood
Stefanie A. Cruby – Vice-Chairman

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Selma G. Hood, duly seconded by Stefanie A. Cruby, this Board hereby adopts the following:

RESOLUTION NO: 2022-01

**BRIDGE NAMING ON ROUTE 871, NATURAL TUNNEL PARKWAY, IN SCOTT COUNTY AS
THE
“KENNETH (KENNY) FANNON MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

WHEREAS, Kenneth “Kenny” Fannon (1931 - 2021) lived most of his life in Scott County, a graduate of Rye Cove High School and Whitney Business College, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fannon served in the United States Army as a Corporal during the Korean War Conflict and later became co-owner and Vice President of Robinette Steel for many years, and

WHEREAS, in 1981 Mr. Fannon founded and organized Scott County’s largest event, Duffield Daze where he was chairman for 36 years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fannon was an avid railroad enthusiast and collector. He was a 51-year member of the National Railway Historical Society. He collected artifacts and opened the Fannon Railroad Museum free to visitors. Throughout the years, he provided railroad programs at Natural Tunnel State Park, Southwest Virginia Museum, schools and numerous organizations, and

WHEREAS, he often stated "I have always tried to make our county and our country a better place to live." He served on several local boards including Lonesome Pine Hospital, Scott County Chamber of Commerce, Virginia State Parks, Mountain Empire Community College, Scott County School Board, Scott County Planning Commission, Scott County Industrial Development Authority, Duffield Development Authority and Duffield Fire and Rescue, and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) 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, and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Scott County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name structure number 6597, located on Route 871, Natural Tunnel Parkway, in Scott County as the Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Scott County agrees to pay the cost of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, Marshall D. Tipton, Jeremy P. Herron, Danny P. Mann, Michael K. Brickey, Selma G. Hood, and Stefanie A. Cruby

Voting nay: None.

Attest:


CLERK

C: Virginia Department of Transportation ✓
Sally Kegley

Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed "Kenneth (Kenny) Fannon Memorial Bridge

GPS: 36.434836, -82.454109

Route 871 - Natural Tunnel Parkway

Structure No.: 6597

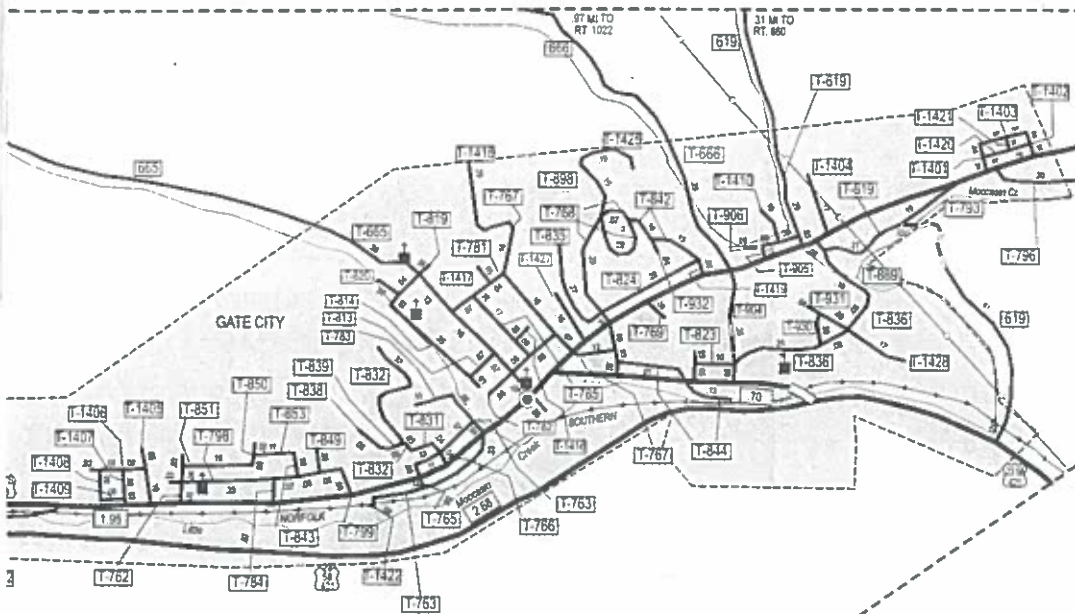
Crossing: Norfolk Southern RR

Legend

 Proposed Bridge to be Named



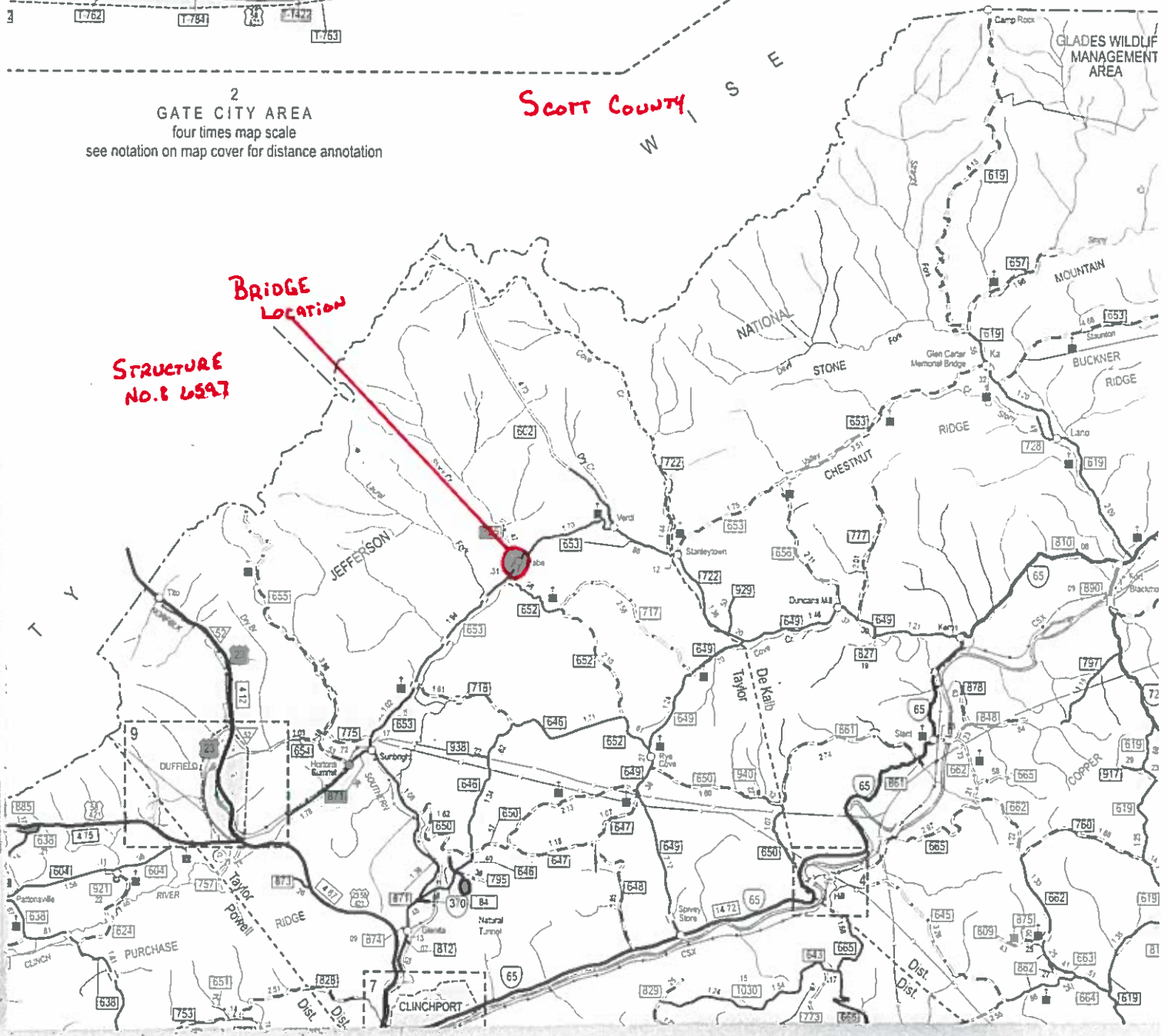
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GATE CITY AREA
four times map scale

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Scott County



BRIDGE
LOCATION
STRUCTURE
NO. B 6597



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