



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 1*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 16, 2024

#### MOTION

**Made By:** Mr. Fowlkes      **Seconded By:** Mr. Merrill

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge”**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Abingdon Town Council has requested, by resolution dated November 30, 2023, and letter dated December 4, 2023, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service, and ultimate sacrifice of Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig, name the bridges on Interstate 81 North and South, over Cummings Street, Town of Abingdon, as the “Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Abingdon, by resolution dated November 30, 2023, has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; and

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-213 provides that 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 Interstate 81 North and the bridge on Interstate 81 South, over Cummings Street, Town of Abingdon, as the “Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig 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 the Town of Abingdon for these costs as required by law.

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## CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming, at the request of the Town of Abingdon, of the bridge on Interstate 81 North and the bridge on Interstate 81 South, over Cummings Street, Town of Abingdon, as the “Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** The Abingdon Town Council enacted a resolution on November 30, 2023, to honor Cameron Craig’s life, service, and ultimate sacrifice to his community.

According to that resolution, Cameron Craig was born on June 3, 2003, and graduated from Trigg Street Christian Academy and then joined the Abingdon Fire Department on May 27, 2022.

Mr. Craig lived a life of dedication, even at 20 years old. He had an unwavering passion to serve others, especially in his work with the Abingdon Fire Department.

While responding to a call on October 19, 2023, the Abingdon Fire Department truck he was a passenger in crashed resulting in fatal injuries to Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig.

He responded to countless emergencies, risking his life to protect and save the lives of others. At the same time, his bravery and dedication to keeping his community safe was a testament to his Christian character.

In addition to the Abingdon Town Council’s resolution, the Abingdon Town Manager, in a letter dated December 4, 2023, confirmed that the Abingdon Town Council requests that this naming should apply to both the north and south Interstate 81 bridges over Cummings Street (Exit 17) in the Town of Abingdon.

**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 Interstate 81 North and the bridge on Interstate 81 South, over Cummings Street, Town of Abingdon, will both be known as the “Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by resolution dated November 30, 2023, the Town of Abingdon 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 has not received any public comments on this proposal.



## TOWN OF ABINGDON

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December 4, 2023

Pamela W. Heath, PE, *Assistant Residency Engineer*  
**Virginia Department of Transportation**  
Abingdon Residency  
700 East Main Street  
Abingdon, Virginia 24210

RE: Resolution supporting the naming of the Interstate 81 Bridge over Cummings Street  
(Exit 17) the "*Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge*"

Dear Ms. Heath:

This letter confirms that the Abingdon Town Council requests the north and south Interstate 81 Bridges over Cummings Street (Exit 17) be named the "*Master Firefighter Cameron B. Craig Memorial Bridge*."

Please feel free to contact me should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Cochran, Town Manager



**Resolution**

**Title: BRIDGE NAMING INTERSTATE 81 OVER CUMMINGS STREET (EXIT 17) IN THE TOWN OF ABINGDON AS THE “MASTER FIREFIGHTER CAMERON B. CRAIG MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig was born on June 3, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig graduated from Trigg Street Christian Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig joined the Abingdon Fire Department on May 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig succumbed to injuries when the Abingdon Fire Department truck he was a passenger in crashed while responding to a call on Thursday, October 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig lived a life of dedication, even at 20 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig had an unwavering passion to serve others, especially by working with the Abingdon Fire Department.


**WHEREAS**, Cameron B. Craig responded to countless emergencies, risking his life to protect and save the lives of others. At the same time, his bravery and dedication to keeping our community safe was a testament to his Christian character.

**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.

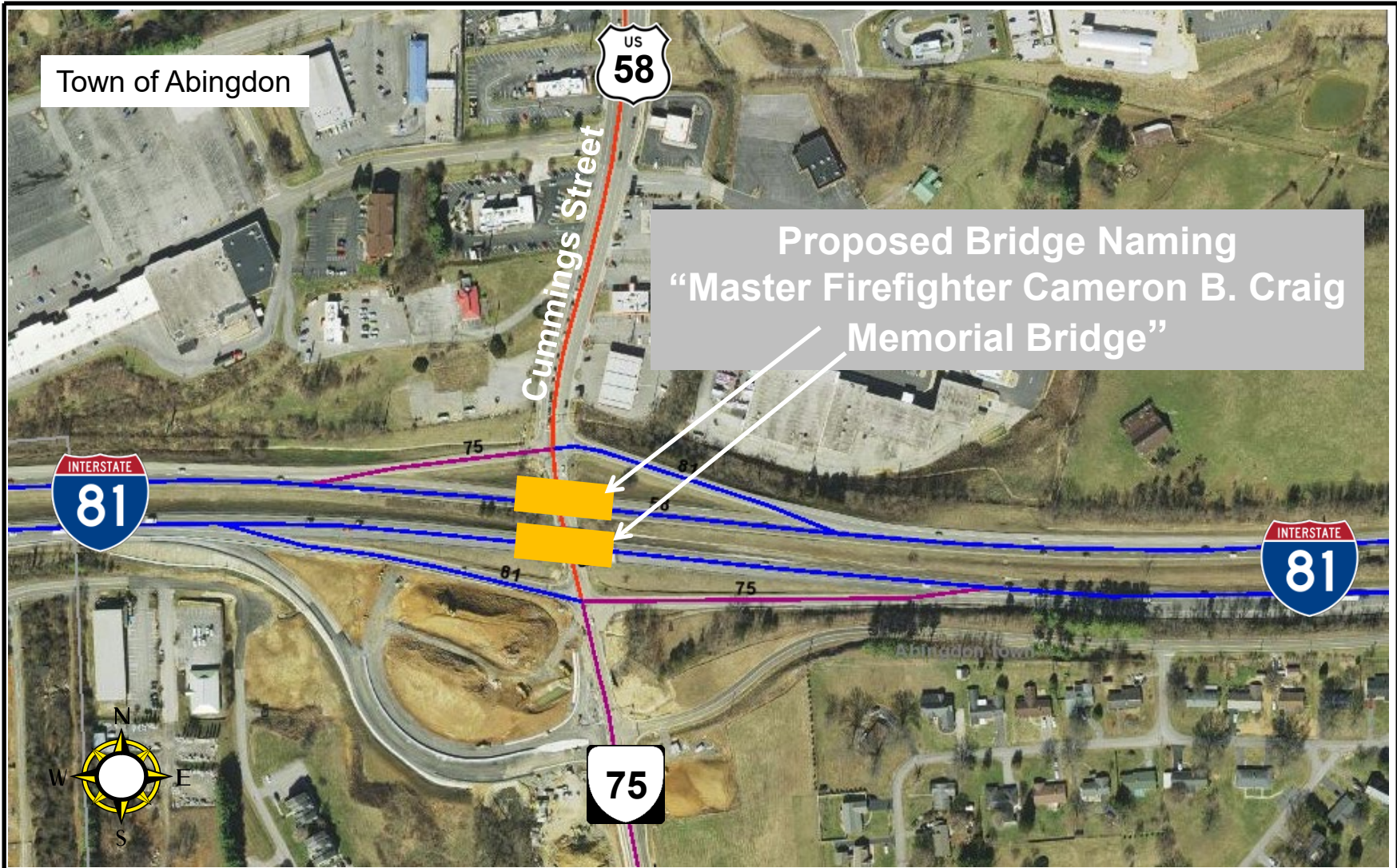
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Abingdon, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name bridge on Interstate 81 over Cummings Street (Exit 17) in the Town of Abingdon as the “**MASTER FIREFIGHTER CAMERON B. CRAIG MEMORIAL BRIDGE.**”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Abingdon agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

  
Mike Cochran, Town Manager  
Town of Abingdon, Virginia

11.30.2023  
Date





Town of Abingdon



Cummings Street

Proposed Bridge Naming  
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