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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 24, 2017

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Rosen, Seconded By: Mr. Garczynski

Action: Motion Carried

**Title: Recreational Access to Summit View Business and Recreational Park
Project RECR-033-834, Franklin County**

WHEREAS, § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia* sets forth that the General Assembly of Virginia has found and declared that it is "... in the public interest that access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites be provided..." and sets aside highway funds for such purpose, "... [w]hen the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation has designated a public recreational area as such ... and recommends to the [Commonwealth Transportation] Board that an access road or bikeway be provided or maintained to that area"; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) have adopted a joint policy to govern the use of the Recreational Access Fund pursuant to § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has, by appropriate resolution, requested Recreational Access funds to provide road access to serve new recreational facilities proposed to be located off of Route 696 within the planned Summit View Business and Recreational Park in Franklin County and said road access is estimated to cost \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, this request is under consideration by the Director of DCR for full compliance with the provisions of § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that from the Recreational Access Fund \$300,000 (\$250,000 unmatched and \$50,000 matched) for road construction be allocated to provide adequate access to new recreational facilities within the proposed planned Summit View Business and Recreational Park to be located off of Route 696 in Franklin County, Project RECR-033-834, contingent upon:

1. The Director of DCR recommending the use of the Recreational Access Fund for the construction of the access roadway and bikeway to the proposed new facilities within Summit View Business and Recreational Park; and
2. All right of way, environmental assessments and remediation, and utility adjustments being provided at no cost to the Commonwealth; and
3. Execution of an appropriate contractual agreement between the County of Franklin (LOCALITY) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to provide for the:
 - a. design, administration, construction and maintenance of this project; and
 - b. provision of up to \$50,000 in matching funds, as necessary, by the LOCALITY for construction of the access road; and
 - c. payment of all ineligible project costs, and of any eligible project costs in excess of the respective allocation amount for the roadway access project from sources other than those administered by VDOT.

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CTB Decision Brief

Recreational Access – Franklin County Summit View Business and Recreational Park

Issue: Pursuant to § 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has requested funds from the Recreational Access Program to provide adequate road access to proposed new facilities within the planned Summit View Business and Recreational Park.

Facts: Section 33.2-1510 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) shall expend from funds set aside for the construction of access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites under this section of the *Code of Virginia*. Further, this section of the *Code of Virginia* grants the CTB the authority to construct access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites when the governing body of the county in which the access road is to be provided passes a resolution requesting the road and when the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has designated the public recreational area as such and recommends to the CTB that an access road be provided to that area.

Franklin County plans to develop the Summit View Business and Recreational Park off of Route 696. Recreational facilities proposed to be accessed by the requested project include a recreational pavilion and sports fields to be built in 2018. Passive recreation spaces and multi-use trails are planned to be placed throughout the park as well. The road access project recommended by staff as adequate to serve proposed facilities within Summit View Business and Recreational Park involves construction of a 24-foot wide asphalt roadway, within 50 feet of right of way, from Route 696 and continuing southeast, approximately 0.18 miles, to the proposed parking lot. The locality will administer the design and construction of the proposed road project. Salem District staff has estimated the cost of the road access project to be \$350,000. Franklin County will be responsible for financial arrangements to fully fund the estimated project costs exceeding the Recreational Access Program allocation from sources other than those administered by VDOT.

The Local Assistance Division has coordinated with DCR staff to confirm support for the project. It is anticipated that the Director will recommend utilization of Recreational Access funds to provide adequate access to the park.

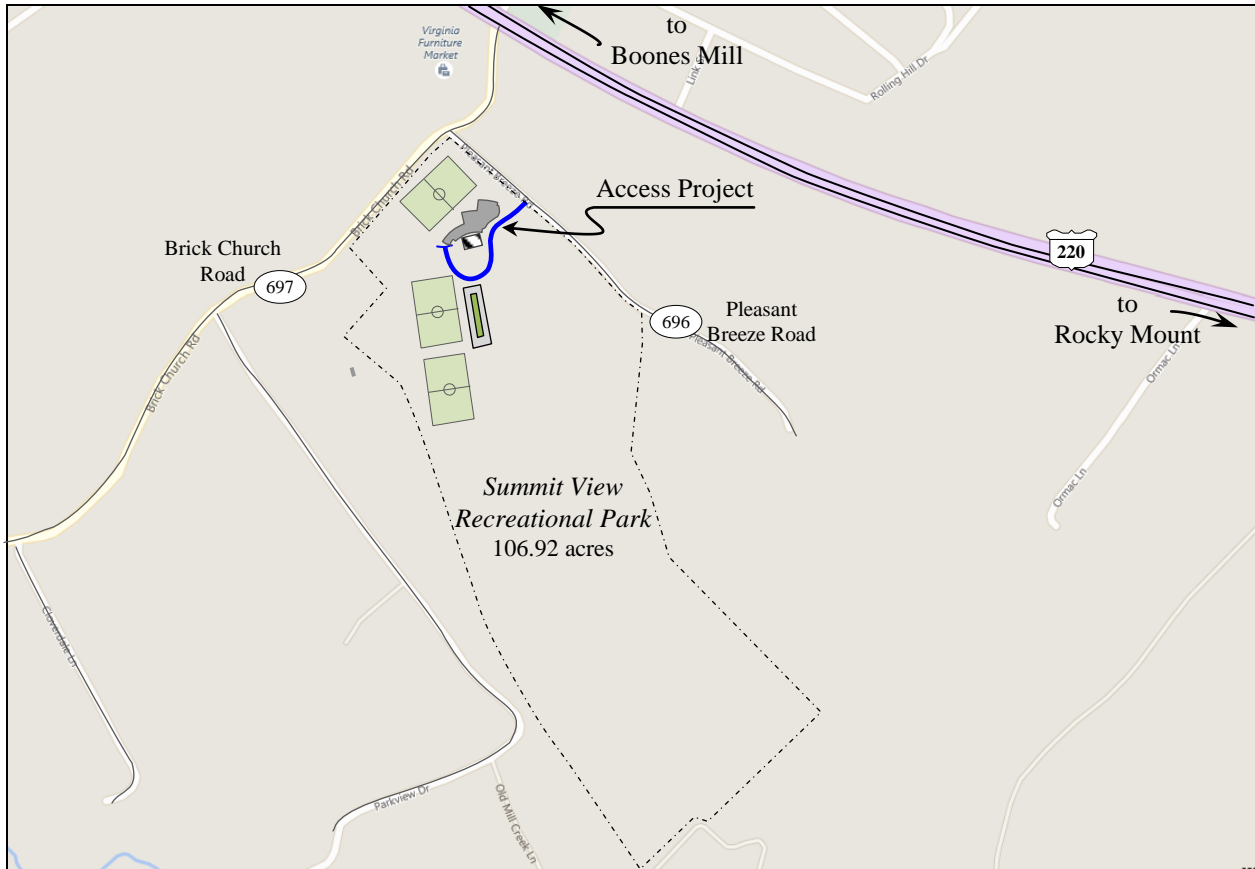
Recommendations: VDOT recommends that Recreational Access Program funding in the amount of \$300,000 (\$250,000 unmatched and \$50,000 matched) from the Recreational Access Fund for the construction of this project, subject to certain contingencies as set forth in the accompanying resolution.

Action Required by the CTB: Prior to expending funds set aside for access roads to public recreational areas and historical sites, the *Code of Virginia* specifies that the CTB shall declare by resolution that the access road project be provided. A resolution is provided for formal vote.

Result, if Approved: VDOT and Franklin County will proceed with the recreational access road project.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reaction: None



PROPOSED RECREATIONAL ACCESS PROJECT
Summit View Recreational Park
Project RECR-011-834
Franklin County

Recreational Facility

Planned development within 106.92-acre park consisting of a multi-use pavilion, 3 athletic fields, splash park, bike park and trails, and parking lots.

Estimated traffic: 135 vpd

Access Facility

Length: 0.18 mile

Pavement Width: 24 feet

R/W Width: 50 feet

Estimated Cost: \$350,000

Proposed Allocation: \$300,000

(\$250,000 unmatched, \$50,000 matched)



Franklin County

A Natural Setting for Opportunity

Combined Recreational Access Road and Bikeway

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date April 18, 2017

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the County of Franklin Board of Supervisors held on April 18, 2017, on a motion by Charles Wagner seconded by Leland Mitchell for the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-0 vote:

WHEREAS, The Franklin County Business and Recreational Park is owned and is to be developed by the County of Franklin as a recreational facility serving the residents of the County of Franklin and adjoining localities; and

WHEREAS, the property on which this facility is located has no access to a public street or roadway and will require the construction of a new roadway and bikeway which will connect to Pleasant Breeze Road (Route 696); and

WHEREAS, the procedure governing the allocation of recreational access funds as set forth in Section [33.1-223](#) of the *Code of Virginia* requires joint action by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, a statement of policy agreed upon between the said Director and Board approves the use of such funds for the construction of access facilities to publicly-owned recreational or historical areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board has duly adopted a zoning ordinance pursuant to Article 7 (Section [15.2-2280](#) et seq), Chapter 22, Title 15.2 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that all requirements of the law have been met to permit the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to designate the Franklin County Business and Recreational Park as a public recreational facility and further permit the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funds for access to this public recreation/historical area in accordance with Section [33.1-223](#) of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees, in keeping with the intent of Section [33.1-63](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, to use its good offices to reasonably protect the aesthetic or cultural value of this road leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance; and

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin acknowledges that the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) must be completed prior to any construction activity on this project as a condition of the use of the Recreational Access Fund; and


WHEREAS, the County of Franklin hereby guarantees that the necessary environmental analysis, mitigation, and fee simple right of way for this improvement, and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, will be provided at no cost to the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Franklin hereby requests the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to designate the Franklin County Business and Recreational Park as a public recreational area and to recommend to the Commonwealth Transportation Board that recreational access funds be allocated for an adequate access road to serve said park area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby requested to allocate the necessary recreational access funds to provide a suitable access road and bikeway as hereinbefore described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and/or his designee(s) be authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to execute any and all documents necessary to secure the funding sought through the Recreational Access Program up to, but not exceeding, \$410,000 state funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Franklin hereby agrees that the new roadway including the bikeway so constructed will be added to and become a part of the secondary system of highways.


Cline Brubaker, Chairman
Franklin County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Brent Robertson, County Administrator
Franklin County

