



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 21, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Whitworth, Seconded By: Mr. Kasprovicz
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: “William G. O’Brien Memorial Highway”

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors wish to honor William G. O’Brien for his service to Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service of William G. O’Brien, name State Route 280, Stone Spring Road, Rockingham County as the “William G. O’Brien Memorial 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, by resolution, Rockingham County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names State Route 280, Stone Spring Road, in Rockingham County as the “William G. O’Brien Memorial Highway”; and

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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 Rockingham County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: “William G. O’Brien Memorial Highway”

Issue: Commemorative naming of State Route 280, Stone Spring Road, Rockingham County as the “William G. O’Brien Memorial Highway”.

Facts: William George “Bill” O’Brien had a long career of public service beginning in the United States Marine Corps, and continuing until the day he died. In 1977, Bill became county administrator of Rockingham County, ably leading the county as it grew from a rural to a suburban community; his notable achievements in the areas of education, public utilities and facilities, and economic development helped to enhance the quality of life of all county residents, and he worked with other local governments to develop innovative joint programs in social services, emergency communications, and public health.

After his retirement from Rockingham County in 2003, Bill continued to offer his leadership to communities throughout the Commonwealth as an interim county administrator or town manager for the counties of Bath and Lunenburg and the towns of Dayton, Front Royal and Timberville. In addition, he served as a consultant to Dynamic Aviation and Sentara RMH Medical Center.

Since 1987, Bill further served the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) board of directors and has been appointed as chair by the past four Virginia governors; as chair of the VRA, he provided efficient and effective leadership and strengthened the Commonwealth’s infrastructure by overseeing more than \$7.5 billion in investments to more than 1,500 local government projects.

Bill has earned numerous awards and accolades for his work, including the prestigious Jefferson Cup Award from the Virginia Association of Counties, and he was named as a lifetime member of the Virginia Local Government Management Association.

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: State Route 280, Stone Spring Road, Rockingham County will be known and signed as the “William G. O’Brien Memorial Highway”. In accordance with law, Rockingham 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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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

At a regular meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors held on December 13, 2017, on a motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Eberly, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0:

RESOLUTION

WILLIAM G. O'BRIEN

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, State Primary Route 280, Stone Spring Road, in Rockingham County, Virginia is between the southern corporate limits of Harrisonburg City, Virginia and U.S. Route 33 through said area; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors desires that State Primary Route 280, Stone Spring Road, in Rockingham County, Virginia be memorialized as the "William G. O'Brien Memorial Highway" in honor of his service to Rockingham County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to designate the above mentioned section of State Primary Route 280 the "William G. O'Brien Memorial Highway".

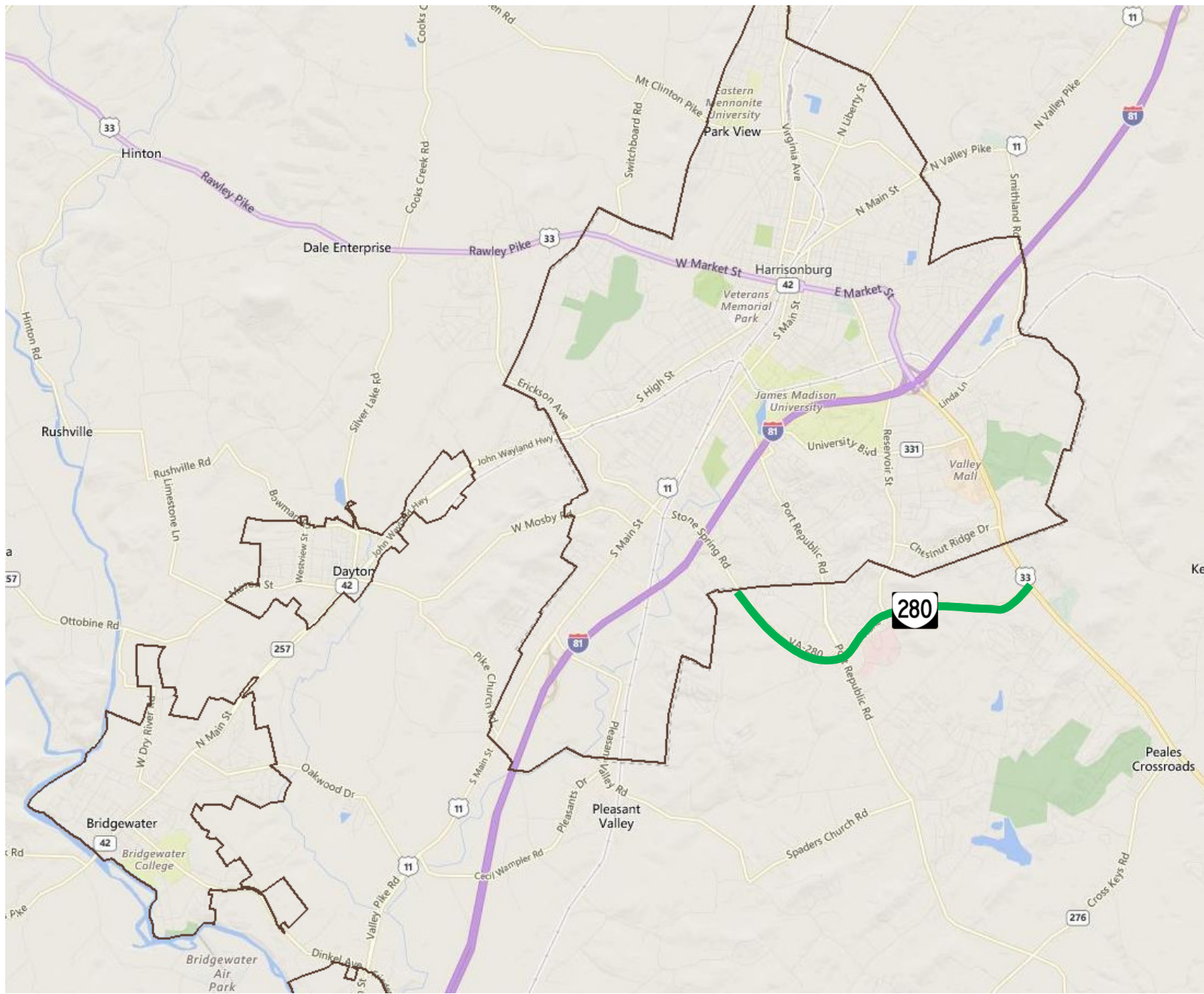
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rockingham County will assume the costs for the fabrication and installation of signs for this naming.

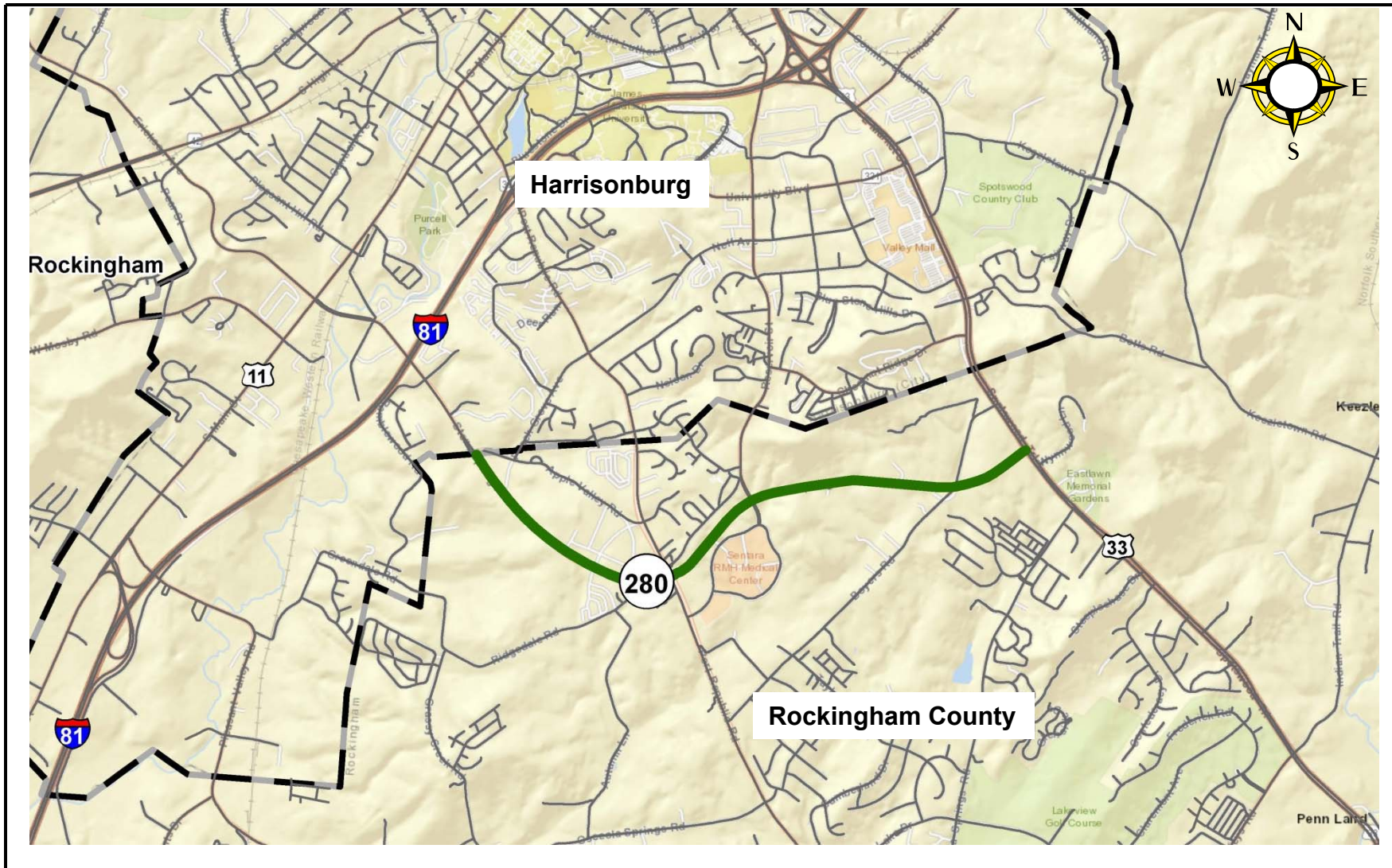
Adopted this 13th day of December, 2017.

Rick L. Chandler, Chairman


ATTEST:

Stephen G. King, Clerk





Route 280 in Rockingham County Proposed Highway Segment Naming: "William G. O'Brien Memorial Highway"

 Proposed Highway Naming