



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Item #16

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Dodson, Seconded By: Mr. Connors
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: “Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway”

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Danville wishes to honor and memorialize Wendell O. Scott, Sr., for his accomplishments, courage and inspiration through his career as a NASCAR driver, immortalized roles in movies and on television and for the Wendell Scott Foundation’s efforts to improve the lives of youth with education based programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the City Council of the City of Danville has requested, by resolution dated June 3, 2018, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and accomplishments of Wendell O. Scott, Sr., name U.S. Route 29, Danville Expressway, from U.S. 29 Business to the northern city limits, City of Danville, as the “Wendell O. Scott, Sr. 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, the City of Danville has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names U.S. Route 29, Danville Expressway, from U.S. 29 Business to the northern city limits, City of Danville, as the "Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway"; and

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 City of Danville for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: “Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway”

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the commemorative naming of U.S. Route 29, Danville Expressway, from U.S. 29 Business to the northern city limits, City of Danville as the “Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway”, requested by the City Council of the City of Danville.

Facts: The City Council of the City of Danville enacted a resolution on June 3, 2018 memorializing the life of Wendell O. Scott, Sr., who passed away on December 23, 1990. Based on that resolution, Mr. Scott was the only African American to be a team owner and driver at NASCAR’s highest level, earning the respect and admiration of fans and competitors. Overcoming racial discrimination and unfair practices with courage, honor and tenacity, he went on to have a 13-year NASCAR career that included many top five and top ten finishes. On December 1, 1963, he won the Jacksonville 200, but was not awarded his victory celebration or trophy because of the color of his skin.

His career inspired global recognition, and he was immortalized in major motion picture films such as *Greased Lightning*, Disney/Pixar *Cars 3*, and NBC’s show *Timeless*. He was also posthumously inducted into the 1999 class of the International Motorsports Hall of Fame as well as NASCAR’s Hall of Fame in 2015.

In addition, the Wendell Scott Foundation is steadfast in honoring the memory and legacy of Wendell O. Scott, Sr. by improving the lives of youth throughout our Commonwealth with STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational programs and initiatives.

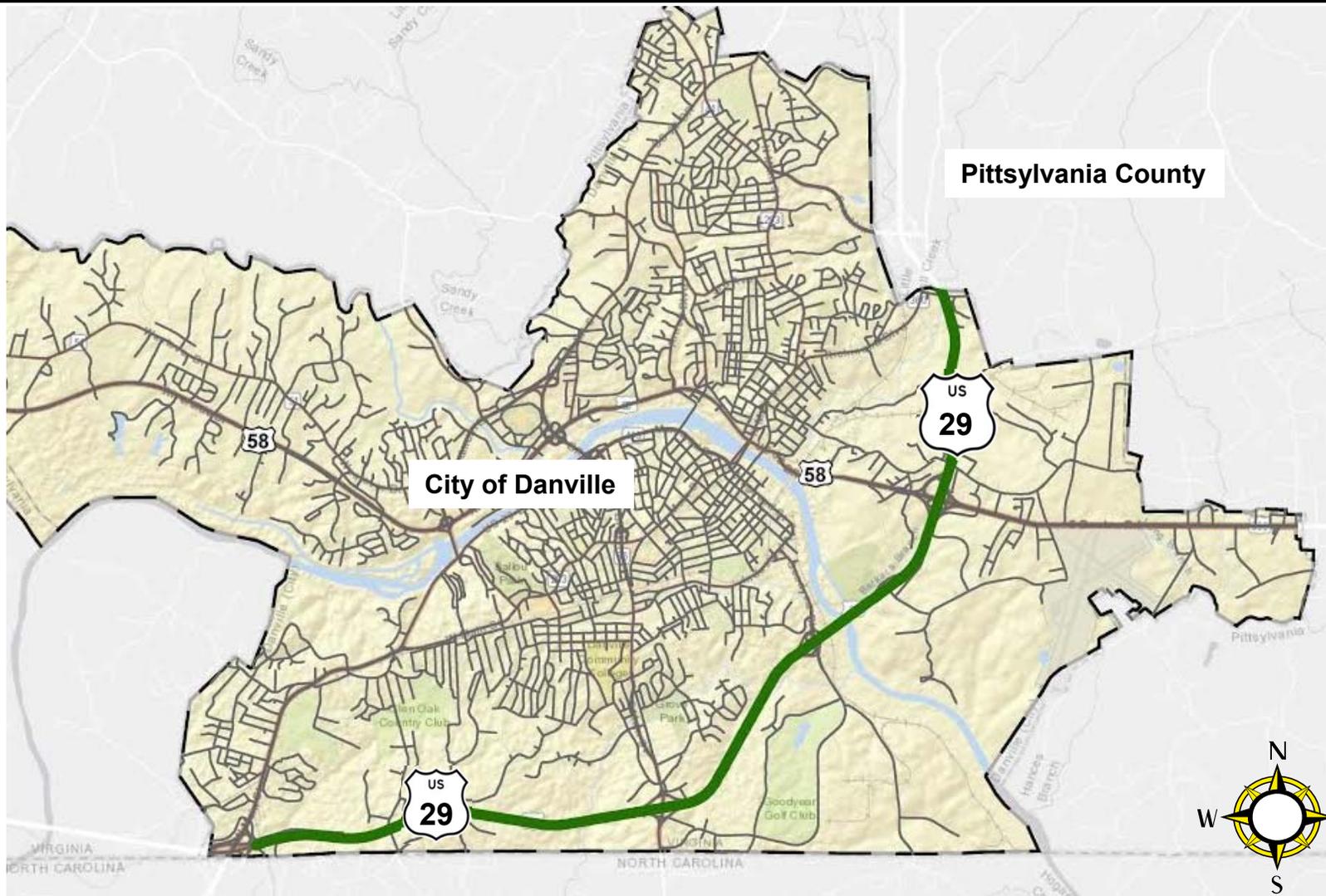
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

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: U.S. Route 29, Danville Expressway, from U.S. 29 Business to the northern city limits, City of Danville will be named as the “Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway”, requested by the City Council of the City of Danville. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the City of Danville 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.



VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division
Sept 18, 2018

Route 29 Bypass in City of Danville
Proposed Highway Naming:
“Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway”

 Proposed Highway Naming



City of Danville
City Manager's Office

July 6, 2018

Mr. Jay Craddock, P.E.
VDOT Halifax Residency
5211 Halifax Road
U.S. Highway 501
Halifax, Virginia, 24558

Dear Mr. Craddock:

At their business meeting on June 5, 2018, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-06.03 requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the US 58/29 Bypass from Business 29 to the Northern City Limits in the City of Danville as "Wendell O. Scott, Sr. Memorial Highway" in memory of Wendell O. Scott, Sr.

In addition to the City of Danville assuming the costs for the fabrication and installation of the sign, the City hereby agrees to assume the costs of maintaining the sign.

Sincerely,

Ken Larking
City Manager

PRESENTED: June 5, 2018

ADOPTED: June 5, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 06 . 03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMING THE US 58 BYPASS IN THE CITY OF DANVILLE AS "WENDELL O. SCOTT, SR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

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WHEREAS, Wendell O. Scott, Sr., died on December 23, 1990, in Danville, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Wendell Scott Foundation is steadfast in honoring the memory and legacy of Wendell O. Scott, Sr., by improving the lives of youth throughout our Commonwealth with STEM-based educational programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to memorialize the life and legacy of Wendell O. Scott, Sr.

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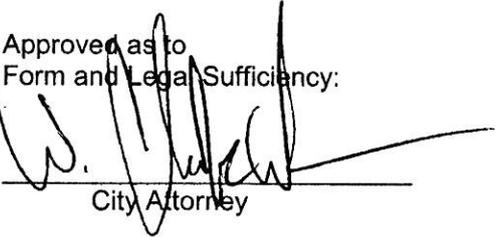
APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK

Approved as to
Form and Legal Sufficiency:


City Attorney

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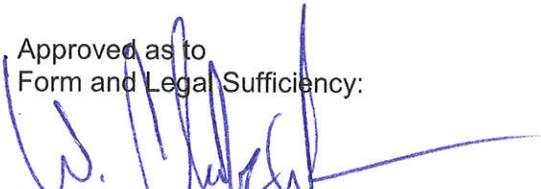
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