RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 15, 2020

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Brown, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes

Title: Location Approval for Route 632 Fairground Road Extension

WHEREAS, State Highway Project 0632+037+R83, P101, R201, C501 (the “Project”) will extend Route 632 (Fairground Road) in Goochland County, between U. S. Route 522 and VA Route 6.

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-208 of the Code of Virginia and the policies and regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), including 24 VAC 30-380-10, a Location Public Hearing was held in Goochland County on September 12, 2019 at the Goochland County Administration Building for the purpose of considering alternative alignments to the preferred alignment of Route 632 Fairground Rd. Extension, as shown in Attachment A, and their potential impacts, as found on Attachment B; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of the public hearing and the potential alignments to be considered was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations on the alternatives under consideration, and their statements have been duly recorded; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social and environmental effects of the evaluated alternative alignments have been examined and given proper consideration, and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence has been carefully reviewed; and
WHEREAS, Goochland County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on November 6, 2019 supporting and endorsing the preferred alignment, and the resolution is provided as Attachment C; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT’s) Environmental Division has completed environmental reviews and coordination to identify environmental resources in the project vicinity, provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during development, determine the potential for environmental impacts upon the local community and surrounding area and identify opportunities for avoidance and minimization of potential and unavoidable environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is not programmed with any federal funding, therefore the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) does not apply to this Project; and

WHEREAS, review of all data resulted in VDOT’s recommendation that the most northern road alignment as presented at the public hearing be the Preferred Alternative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby approves the Preferred Alternative location of the Route 632 Fairground Road Extension as proposed and presented at the September 12, 2019 public hearing and as shown in yellow in Attachment A.

####
Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Decision Brief

Route 632 Extension in Goochland County

**Issue:** The new Route 632 Extension project shall include grading and the construction of two (2) 11 ft. lanes of Rural Minor Arterial paved roadway with a 13 ft. two-way left turn lane (striped) along a new alignment.

**Facts:** The purpose of the project is as follows:

- Allow for future economic development in this part of Goochland County.
- Improve mobility, safety and functionality along Route 522 Sandy Hook Road,

**Recommendations:** In accordance with the § 33.2-208 of the *Code of Virginia* and the policies and regulations of the CTB, including 24 VAC 30-380-10, a Location Public Hearing was held in Goochland County, on September 12, 2019 at the Goochland County Administration Building for the purpose of considering alternative alignments to the preferred alignment of Route 632 Fairground Rd. Extension, as shown in Attachment A, and their potential impacts, as found on Attachment B. The Virginia Department of Transportation recommends approval of the new Route 632 Extension in its entirety, as proposed as the preferred alternative as shown in yellow in Attachment A.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* §33.2-208, requires the majority vote of the CTB to locate and establish the routes to be followed by the roads comprising systems of state highways between points designated in the establishment of such systems.

**Result, if Approved:** If approved by the CTB, the Route 632 Extension project will move forward to the design phase.

**Options:** Approve, Deny or Defer

**Public Comments/ Reaction:** Twenty-five (25) citizens attended the Location Public Hearing. Most citizens that would be affected by this project supported the project. Those citizens that expressed opposition to the project were opposed to elements of the project that were not related to the new road alignment.

On November 6, 2019, Goochland County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution of support for the preferred alternative (See attached resolution in Attachment C).
ATTACHMENT A
ATTACHMENT B
# Location Public Hearing

## Route 632 (Fairground Rd.) Extension

### Alternative Alignment Comparison Chart

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### Advantages
- Very near lowest cost alternative
- Provides more direct access to northern parcels than other alternatives
- Provides greater development space on the east/south side of the Fairground Rd Extension than the other alternatives
- Minimizes wetland impacts
- Fairground Rd Extension intersects River Rd at a 90-degree angle, which is preferred

### Challenges
- Slightly longer alignment
- Does not consolidate access points on River Rd

### Alternative 1
- Lowest cost alternative
- Proposed new intersection with River Rd is not at a 90-degree angle, which is not preferable
- Does not consolidate access points on River Rd

### Alternative 2
- Fairground Rd Extension intersects River Rd at a 90-degree angle, which is preferred
- Limited development opportunities due to wetland and stream features on the properties to the east of the new road alignment and north of River Rd

### Alternative 3
- Aligns new roadway further to the east/south in order to provide more developable property on the western portion of the impacted parcels/properties
- Consolidates access points on River Rd
- Fairground Rd Extension intersects River Rd at a 90-degree angle, which is preferred
- Highest cost alternative
- Significant increased costs due to excavation
- Road widening will impact mobile home community driveway, increasing cost and lengthening schedule
- Greatest wetland impacts
AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GOOCHLAND, VIRGINIA, HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2019, IN THE GOOCHLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1800 SANDY HOOK RD., SUITE 250, GOOCHLAND, VIRGINIA, THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:

Resolution endorsing a Virginia Department of Transportation Infrastructure Project for construction of a new segment of Route 632 (Fairground Road) from Route 522 (Sandy Hook Road) to Route 6 (River Road West) in Goochland County

WHEREAS, the Goochland County Board of Supervisors, on September 5, 2017, approved a resolution endorsing a Revenue Share Program application for construction of the Fairground Road (Rte. 632) Extension Project, a new segment of Route 632 (Fairground Road) from Route 522 (Sandy Hook Road) to State Route 6 (River Road West); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board approved a Revenue Share Program allocation for Fairground Road (Rte. 632) Extension for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Goochland County hosted a Location Public Hearing on September 12, 2019, at the Goochland County Administration Building to consider four alternative alignments, including a preferred alternative (see attachment); and

WHEREAS, twenty-four people attended the Location Public Hearing and attendees were provided the following information:

- A display of different alternative alignments and a recommended alternative;
- A display with pros and cons for each alternative;
- Construction of the project will require right-of-way from Goochland County;
- The total estimated cost is $3,800,000, which includes $500,000 for preliminary engineering, $400,000 for right-of-way and utilities, and $2,900,000 for construction; and
WHEREAS, no one expressed opposition to the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Fairground Road (Rte. 632) Extension Project will improve mobility, safety, functionality, and connectivity, primarily along Route 522 and Route 6 in the Goochland Courthouse Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goochland County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse and support the preferred alternative (see attachment) for the construction of the Fairground Road (Rte. 632) Extension, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to execute all appropriate agreements and documents for this project with the Virginia Department of Transportation, provided the agreements and documents are in legally approvable form.

A COPY ATTEST:

[Signature]

John A. Badesky, County Administrator
Goochland County Board of Supervisors
PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED
The primary purpose of the project is to extend Route 632 (Fairground Road) from the existing terminus at U. S. Route 522 (Sandy Hook Road) to a new intersection at VA Route 6 (River Road). This proposed extension will serve as the eastbound approach to the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Route 632 and Route 522. The extension will allow for future development north and south of the road and improve traffic operations along Sandy Hook Road.

PROJECT SCOPE
The Virginia Department of Transportation proposes two 11’ though lanes and a 13’ two-way left turn lane (striped) as a typical section along the Route 632 extension. Approaching the intersection with Route 6, the two-way left turn lane tapers down to an 11’ left turn lane, and the two through lanes become 12’. The proposed typical section of Route 6 will consist of two 11’ through lanes and a 12’ eastbound left turn lane at the intersection with Route 632. Sidewalk (5’ wide) is proposed to the east of the Route 632 extension. Four-foot buffer strips have been provided between the curb and gutter and the sidewalk along with varying side slopes (3:1 mostly with some 2:1) to tie into the existing ground. Curb and gutter is proposed on the Route 632 extension. A 2’ paved shoulder is proposed on each side of Route 6 within the widening limits.

PUBLIC HEARING
TYPE: Location Public Hearing
DATE: September 12, 2019
TIME: 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Goochland County Administration Building
1800 Sandy Hook Road
Goochland, VA 23063

ATTENDANCE
Twenty-five (25) citizens attended the public hearing.
COMMENTS RECEIVED
Eight (8) comments were received by letter, comment sheet or via email and two (2) oral comments were given at the Public Hearing. Of the ten (10) total comments received, six (6) supported the project, one (1) did not support the project without a speed reduction on all of Fairground Road to 45 mph and three (3) were non-committal.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA
VDOT’s Richmond District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development, and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT’s specifications and standard best practices will protect the environment during construction.

ESTIMATED COST

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RIGHT OF WAY
The project will require Right of Way acquisition from Goochland County. The County plans to donate this property.

ADVERTISEMENT
The project is scheduled for a construction advertisement in May 2023.

STAFF RECOMMENDS
The Virginia Department of Transportation recommends approval of the Route 632 Fairground Road Extension location in its entirety as shown as the Preferred Alternative as proposed and presented at the September 12, 2019 Location Public Hearing
January 1, 2020

The Honorable Shannon Valentine
The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E.
The Honorable Jennifer Mitchell
The Honorable Jerry L. Stinson II
The Honorable Mary Hughes Hynes
The Honorable Allison DeTunecq
The Honorable Bert Dodson, Jr.
The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller III
The Honorable Carlos M. Brown
The Honorable Cedric Bernard Rucker
The Honorable Stephen A. Johansen
The Honorable F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr.
The Honorable E. Scott Kasprowicz
The Honorable Raymond D. Smoot, Jr.
The Honorable Marty Williams
The Honorable John Malbon
The Honorable Greg Yates

Subject: Location Approval of the Route 632 Fairground Road Extension in Goochland County.

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for Location Approval for your consideration. The proposed Location Approval on State Highway Project 0632-037-R83 has been recommended for approval by the Department’s staff.

I have reviewed the staff’s recommendations and have determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

Barton A. Thrasher, P.E.
Chief Engineer