



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 1*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**January 19, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Dr. Smoot, Seconded By: Mr. Dodson**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Discontinuance – Primary System of State Highways Route 501 in Bedford County**

**WHEREAS**, Project 0501-005-640, C501 constructed a new bridge over the James River, resulting in a relocation of Route 501 in Amherst and Bedford Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, a segment of the old alignment of Route 501, located in Bedford County, measuring approximately 0.07 of a mile, is no longer necessary for the uses of the primary state highway system, and therefore no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense, rendering it eligible for discontinuance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bedford County Administrator has submitted a letter, attached hereto as Exhibit A, expressing the County Board of Supervisors' support of the discontinuance described as Route 501, Segment H to H1, and measuring approximately 0.07 mile, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 33.2-901 of the *Code of Virginia*, a section of highway may be discontinued from the primary state highway system by the Commissioner of Highways, with the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, if the highway is deemed to be no longer necessary for the uses of the primary state highway system when a part of the highway has been or is straightened or the location of a part of it is altered; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the discontinuance of the roadway segment identified below and as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto, as part of the primary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2-901, *Code of Virginia*, as the roadway is no longer necessary for the uses of the primary state highway system and is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense.

**Primary System of State Highways**

**Discontinuance**

Salem District

Bedford County

- Route 501

0.07 Mi.

**Total Mileage Discontinued from the Primary System:**

**0.07 Mi.**

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Discontinuance – Primary System of State Highways Portion of Route 501 in Bedford County

**Issue:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), with the support of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors, proposes to discontinue a portion of Route 501 in Bedford County, which is 0.07 of a mile in length. This proposed discontinuance is a result of VDOT Project 0501-005-640, C501. Pursuant to §33.2-901 of the *Code of Virginia*, said discontinuance must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

**Facts:** VDOT Project 0501-005-640, C501, includes constructing a new Route 501 bridge over the James River between Bedford and Amherst Counties on a different alignment. Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined a portion of Route 501 should be discontinued as a part of the Primary System of State Highways, pursuant to § 33.2-901 of the *Code of Virginia*, as it is no longer necessary for the uses of the primary state highway system, and therefore no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense due to the construction and realignment of the bridge.

The Bedford County Board of Supervisors, by letter of support on November 3, 2020 (Exhibit A, attached), supports the Board's the discontinuance of the portion of Route 501 (road noted in "Purple" as Segment H-H1 on Exhibit B, attached), which is entirely located in Bedford County.

**Recommendation:** VDOT recommends the Board approve the discontinuance of the portion of Route 501 referenced above.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board's members to approve the proposed discontinuance. A draft resolution and an exhibit describing the proposed road segment to be discontinued is provided for the Board's consideration.

**Result if Approved:** If approved, VDOT will suspend all its maintenance activity on the roadway segment.

**Options:** Approve, Deny or Defer

**Public Comments/Reaction:** Section 33.2-901 does not include a public notification requirement, but information regarding proposed changes to the highway system inventories was made publicly available during the planning and construction phases of VDOT Project 0501-005-640, C501. There is one property owner who is affected by the proposed discontinuance, and that property now uses an alternative access. The Department has received no objections regarding the proposed changes.

## Exhibit A

### Board of Supervisors' Letter of Support



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ROBERT HISS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

November 3, 2020

Todd K. Daniel  
Bedford Residency Administrator  
P. O. Box 446  
Bedford, Virginia 24523

Dear Mr. Daniel:

In my capacity as County Administrator and on behalf of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors, the County supports the VDOT Project: 0501-005-640, C501 replacing the Route 501 bridge over James River on new alignment and the related highway system changes in Bedford County associated with this project. These highway changes shown on the attached project sketch "Amherst & Bedford County Changes in the Primary and Secondary Systems due to relocation and construction on Project: 0501-005-640, C-501" include:

Abandonment - §33.2-906, Code of Virginia, amended 1950:

- Old Route 501: (Segment B-G),
- Old Route 501: (Segment H1-I), and
- Old Route 501: (Segment I-J1).

Discontinued - §33.2-901, Code of Virginia, amended 1950:

- Old Route 501: (Segment H-H1).

Addition - §33.2-310, Code of Virginia, amended 1950:

- New Route 501: (Segment B-C),
- New Route 501: (Segment C-D), and
- New Route 501: (Segment D-E1).

Addition - §33.2-705, Code of Virginia, amended 1950; and

- New Route 922: (Segment C-G).

Transfer from Primary to Secondary System - §33.2-313.B, Code of Virginia, amended 1950

- Route 501 to New Route 922: (Segment G-H)

If you have any questions related to this project, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Hiss".

Robert Hiss  
County Administrator

**Exhibit B**  
**Sketch Including Proposed Road Segment to be Discontinued**  
**Route 501, Segment H-H1, noted in Purple**

