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Agenda Item #2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 20, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Rucker **Seconded By:** Mr. Miller

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of U. S. Route 1 to “Patriot Highway” in Spotsylvania County

WHEREAS, Spotsylvania County seeks to and has requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the entire portion of U.S. Route 1 within Spotsylvania County, from its northern border with the City of Fredericksburg to its southern border with Caroline County and through two magisterial districts, from “Jefferson Davis Highway” to “Patriot Highway”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, by resolution dated August 24, 2021, Spotsylvania County, through its Board of Supervisors, has expressed its intent and requested that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1, (Jefferson Davis Highway), located within the boundaries of Spotsylvania County, to “Patriot 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, Spotsylvania County, in a Board of Supervisors resolution dated August 24, 2021 has agreed that § 33.2-213 requires Spotsylvania County to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and has agreed to pay said costs.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby renames the entire portion of U.S. Route 1 located within Spotsylvania County, from its northern border with the City of Fredericksburg to its southern border with Caroline County and through two magisterial districts, from “Jefferson Davis Highway” to “Patriot Highway”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming as funding is made available by the locality, and to secure payment from Spotsylvania County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: Renaming U.S. Route 1 to “Patriot Highway” in Spotsylvania County

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the renaming of U.S. Route 1, within the boundaries of Spotsylvania County, from its northern border with the City of Fredericksburg to its southern border with Caroline County and through two magisterial districts, from “Jefferson Davis Highway” to “Patriot Highway”, as requested by Spotsylvania County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Facts: The Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on August 24, 2021 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 designated as Jefferson Davis Highway within Spotsylvania County to “Patriot Highway”.

Pursuant to § 33.2-213, the CTB has the power and duty to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways, provided that, in a case such as this, the governing body within which the portion of the facility is located has passed a resolution requesting such naming. Pursuant to the statute, 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, while the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

Recommendations: 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: The entire portion of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, that is within Spotsylvania County, from its northern border with the City of Fredericksburg to its southern border with Caroline County and through two magisterial districts, will be renamed to “Patriot Highway”, as requested by Spotsylvania County. Spotsylvania County, in a Board of Supervisors resolution dated August 24, 2021, has agreed that § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* requires Spotsylvania County to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and has resolved to assume said costs.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.

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At a meeting of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors held on August 24, 2021, on a motion by Supervisor McLaughlin and passed 6 to 1 with Supervisor Frazier opposed, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-108

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PORTION OF JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY LOCATED IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY TO PATRIOT HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2021, the Virginia House of Delegates voted to rename all remaining portions of Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia to "Emancipation Highway" beginning on January 1, 2022. The bill was approved by the State Senate on February 25, 2021 and signed into law by Governor Ralph Northam; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 requires a resolution passed by the governing body of a locality and approval from the CTB to change the name of a roadway in the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Route 1 is a significant corridor in Spotsylvania County which spans from the County's northern border with the City of Fredericksburg to its southern border with Caroline County through two magisterial districts, and is part of the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors seeks to rename the portion of Route 1 within Spotsylvania County that is currently named Jefferson Davis Highway to Patriot Highway; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation 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.

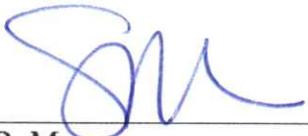
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB change the name of the portion of Route 1 that lies within the boundaries of Spotsylvania County from Jefferson Davis Highway to Patriot Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Spotsylvania County will assume the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs as required by Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia if the name change is approved by the CTB; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should this request be deemed contrary to any applicable County policy, this request shall supersede said policy and said policy is hereby amended to except this request from the policy's application.

(SEAL)

A COPY TESTE:



Aimee R. Mann
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors



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Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
“Patriot Highway”



Maintenance Division

CTB Meeting: October 20, 2021

 Proposed Highway Naming