



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item #9

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson **Seconded By:** Dr. Smoot
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: “Twin Depot Parkway”

WHEREAS, the counties of Bland, Giles and Tazewell, along with the Towns of Tazewell and Narrows wish to name State Route 61, in its entirety, the “Twin Depot Parkway”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the aforementioned counties and towns have requested, by resolutions of various dates in May and June of 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), name State Route 61, from its beginning at the intersection of State Route 16, West Riverside Drive and Tazewell Avenue, in the neighborhood of North Tazewell in the Town of Tazewell, Tazewell County to its end at U.S. Route 460, Virginia Avenue in the Town of Narrows, Giles County as the “Twin Depot Parkway”; 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, the aforementioned county Boards of Supervisors and Town Councils have indicated in their respective resolutions of various dates in May and June of 2021 that they each agree to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming in their respective jurisdictions.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names State Route 61, from its beginning at the intersection of State Route 16, West Riverside Drive and Tazewell Avenue, in the neighborhood of North Tazewell in the Town of Tazewell, Tazewell County to its end at U.S. Route 460, Virginia Avenue in the Town of Narrows, Giles County as the "Twin Depot Parkway"; 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 Bland, Giles and Tazewell Counties and the Towns of Tazewell and Narrows for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief
Highway Naming: “Twin Depot Parkway”

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the commemorative naming of State Route 61, from its beginning at the intersection of State Route 16, West Riverside Drive and Tazewell Avenue, in the neighborhood of North Tazewell in the Town of Tazewell, Tazewell County to its end at U.S. Route 460, Virginia Avenue in the Town of Narrows, Giles County as the “Twin Depot Parkway”, as requested by Bland, Giles and Tazewell Counties and the Towns of Tazewell and Narrows.

Facts: The aforementioned counties and towns Boards of Supervisors and Town Councils have enacted resolutions on various dates in May and June of 2021 requesting this naming. Based on those resolutions, State Route 61 runs near multiple train stations, including at least one that is still in active use, and metal railroad trusses. This route crosses and parallels Norfolk Southern rail line in multiple places and includes beautiful, sweeping views of some of Virginia’s mountains and valleys.

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: State Route 61, from its beginning at the intersection of State Route 16, West Riverside Drive and Tazewell Avenue, in the neighborhood of North Tazewell in the Town of Tazewell, Tazewell County to its end at U.S. Route 460, Virginia Avenue in the Town of Narrows, Giles County will be known as the “Twin Depot Parkway” as requested by Bland, Giles and Tazewell Counties and the Towns of Tazewell and Narrows. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Bland, Giles and Tazewell Counties and the Towns of Tazewell and Narrows agree, by various resolutions dated in May and June of 2021, 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.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

870 Bonham Road
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STEPHEN C. BRICH, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

August 10, 2021

Mr. Brack Dunn
Roadway Data Inventory Manager

Route 61 Commemorative Naming
From: Tazewell Railroad Depot
To: Narrows Railroad Depot

Brack:

Over the last few years, leaders in the Towns of Tazewell of Narrows and the Counties of Bland, Giles and Tazewell have pursued a designation for the entire length of the Route. After exploring options, the group's efforts settled on a commemorative naming utilizing The Twin Depot Parkway. Additional information is included within the resolutions from each governmental entity discussing the route and its historical significance.

There are several documents attached, including a map showing the entire length of the route proposed for the commemorative naming. Each town and county has also passed resolutions as needed for the commemorative naming. A corresponding map is included for each resolution.

Should you have questions or need clarification, please contact me.

Regards

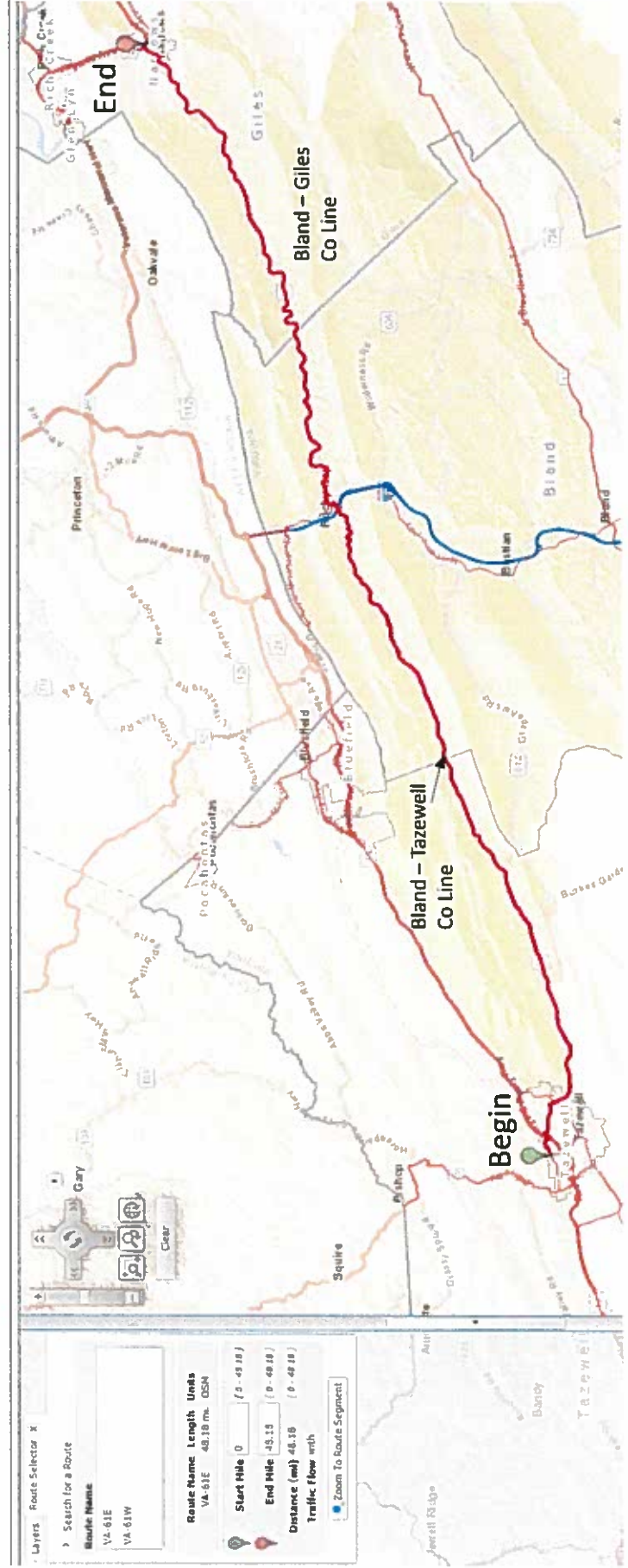
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff G. Buchanan".

Jeff G. Buchanan
Assistant Residency Engineer
Lebanon Residency

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Overall Commemorative Named Road**
- 2. Town of Tazewell Resolution**
- 3. Map of Segment Within Tazewell Corporate Limits**
- 4. Tazewell County Resolution**
- 5. Map of Segment Within Tazewell County**
- 6. Bland County Resolution**
- 7. Map of Segment Within Bland County**
- 8. Giles County Resolution**
- 9. Map of Segment within Giles County**
- 10. Town of Narrows Resolution**
- 11. Map of Segment within Town of Narrows**

Route 61 Commemorative Naming



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Virginia State Primary Route 61 is one of the shortest primary routes in the Commonwealth and traverses thru only three counties; Giles, Bland and Tazewell County; and

WHEREAS, one end of Virginia 61 lies just across the Norfolk Southern tracks within eye site of the Tazewell Train Station while the other terminus of Virginia 61 lies just across the New River within eye sight of the Narrows Train Station; and

WHEREAS, these two depots were built with the same blue print and stand today as two identical stations just 48 miles apart; and

WHEREAS, Virginia 61 was first labeled 61 in 1933 with the advent of modern roads, several secondary routes were tied together in the shadow of the Buckhorn and East River Mountains during the first half of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, by 1948 one uninterrupted Route 61 connected the towns of Narrows in Giles County and North Tazewell in Tazewell County; and

WHEREAS, today Virginia 61 begins at an intersection with Virginia 16 in the North Tazewell neighborhood of the town of Tazewell and just across the Norfolk Southern Clinch Valley Line tracks from the Tazewell Train Station; and

WHEREAS, the route continues east along Riverside Drive parallel to the Clinch River. Virginia 61 passes through a four-ramp partial cloverleaf interchange with US 19 and US 460 to the neighborhood of Four Way. Here the route passes by Tazewell's Lincolnshire Park, Lincolnshire Pool and the Tazewell Aqua Park. Then, the highway turns south as Freedom Drive, meets a Norfolk Southern Railway rail line at grade, and crosses the North Folk Clinch River. Just south of the river and just east of the confluence of the North and South forks to form the main river, Virginia 61 intersects US 19 Business and US 460 Business (Fincastle Turnpike); and

WHEREAS, Virginia 61 leaves the town of Tazewell and curves to the east to follow the South Fork Clinch River through the Clinch Valley between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Rich Mountain to the south; and

WHEREAS, Virginia 61 passes the origin of the Clinch River South Fork at the Tennessee Valley Divide in the community of Gratton where the highway intersects Virginia 623 (Burkes Garden Road), which leads over Rich Mountain to Burkes Garden. Virginia 61 continues east along Clear Fork of the Wolf Creek through the community of Shawver Mill and enters Bland County; and

WHEREAS, the state highway continues east as Clear Fork Creek Road, which passes through Stowersville on the way to Rocky Gap. Here Virginia 61 has a short concurrence with US 52 and briefly expands to a four-lane divided highway through a diamond interchange with I-77. The two highways make a sharp turn north, then split in Rocky Gap where the Clear Fork enters Wolf Creek; and

WHEREAS, Virginia 61 continues east as Wolf Creek Road through the valley of Wolf Creek between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Wolf Creek Mountain to the south; and

WHEREAS, the highway passes through Round Bottom then enters Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia 61 passes through several small communities its way to Narrows. The state highway enters the town as Park Drive passing the Narrows Town Park on Wolf Creek and continuing as Monroe Street. North of its intersection with Virginia 100 (Main Street), Virginia 61 continues as McArthur Lane, which passes under a Norfolk Southern rail line and crosses over the New River and US 460 (Virginia Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the state highway turns east onto Fleshman Street and turns south to reach its eastern terminus at an intersection with US 460 just across the New River from the Narrows Train Station. Much of the route passes through Southwest Virginia farmland. Following the Clinch River, the Clear Fork of Wolf Creek and Wolf Creek itself, the highway provides sweeping views of mountains and valleys through the three-county region; and

WHEREAS, amazing views are plentiful along the route which include Virginia's highest valley and largest rural historic district, Burke's Garden and the beauty of trees that canopy the Giles County section as it along Wolf Creek Valley.

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 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 Town of Tazewell, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB name the highway on Route 61, "Riverside Drive / Ben Bolt Avenue / Gratton Road", from the intersection of Tazewell Avenue/Riverside Drive at the North Tazewell Post Office to the Route 16 eastern corporate limits which is located near the Four Seasons YMCA in the Town of Tazewell as the "Twin Depot Parkway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Tazewell agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Given under my hand this 11th day of May, 2021.



Michael F. Hoops, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:



Todd Day, Town Manager

Town of Tazewell Segment



VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, IN THE TOWN OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, ON THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, UPON A MOTION AND SECOND:

Resolution No.: 21-014

Date: June 29, 2021

RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY NAMING OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 61, FROM THE TAZEWELL COUNTY BORDER TO THE BLAND COUNTY BORDER IN THE COUNTY OF TAZEWELL, AS "TWIN DEPOT PARKWAY"

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County of Tazewell (hereafter, "the Board"), in conjunction with neighboring localities, recognizes the value in recognizing the historical past in our communities;

WHEREAS, Virginia Primary State Route 61 (hereafter, "Route 61") is one of the shortest primary state routes in the Commonwealth and traverses only three counties, being Giles County, Bland County, and Tazewell County;

WHEREAS, one end of Route 61 lies just across the Norfolk Southern tracks within sight of the Tazewell Train Station, while the other terminus of Route 61 lies just across the New River within sight of the Narrows Train Station;

WHEREAS, these two depots were built with the same blueprint and stand today as two identical stations just forty-eight (48) miles apart; and

WHEREAS, Route 61 was first labeled as Route 61 in 1933 with the advent of modern roads, which tied together several secondary routes in the shadow of the Buckhorn and East River Mountains during the first half of the twentieth (20th) century;

WHEREAS, by 1948, one (1) uninterrupted Route 61 connected the towns of Narrows in Giles County and Tazewell in Tazewell County;

WHEREAS, today Route 61 begins at an intersection with Virginia Primary State Route 16 in the town of Tazewell, near the neighborhood of North Tazewell, and just across the Norfolk Southern Clinch Valley Line tracks from the Tazewell Train Station;

WHEREAS, the Route 61 continues east along Riverside Drive parallel to the Clinch River; passing through a four (4)-ramp partial cloverleaf interchange with U.S. Route 19 and U.S. Route 460 to the neighborhood of Four Way; then passing by Tazewell's Lincolnshire Park, Lincolnshire Pool ,and Tazewell Aqua Park; then turning south as Freedom Drive; then meeting the Clinch River just east of the confluence of the North and South Forks to form the main Clinch River; then intersecting with U.S. Route 19 Business and U.S. Route 460 Business (being Fincastle Turnpike);

WHEREAS, Route 61 leaves the town of Tazewell and curves to the east to follow the South Fork of the Clinch River through the Clinch Valley between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Rich Mountain to the South;

WHEREAS, Route 61 passes the origin of the South Fork of the Clinch River at the Tennessee Valley Divide in the community of Gratton, where the highway intersects Virginia Secondary Route 623 (being Burkes Garden Road), which leads over Rich Mountain to Burkes Garden; then continuing east along Clear Fork of Wolf Creek through the community of Shawver Mill; then entering Bland County;

WHEREAS, Route 61 continues east as Clear Fork Creek Road, which passes through the community of Stowersville on the way to the Town of Rocky Gap; then concurring with U.S. Route 52 and briefly expanding to a four (4)-lane divided highway through a diamond interchange with Interstate 77; then both highways making a sharp turn north and splitting in Rocky Gap where Clear Fork enters Wolf Creek;

WHEREAS, Route 61 continues east as Wolf Creek Road through the valley of Wolf Creek between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Wolf Creek Mountain to the south;

WHEREAS, Route 61 passes through the community of Round Bottom, then entering Giles County;

WHEREAS, Route 61 passes through several small communities as it reaches the Town of Narrows; then entering Narrows as Park Drive; passing the Narrows Town Park along Wolf Creek and continuing as Monroe Street; then continuing as McArthur Lane north of its intersection with Virginia Primary State Route 11 (being Main Street); then passing under a Norfolk Southern rail line; then crossing over the New River and U.S. Route 460 (being Virginia Avenue);

WHEREAS, Route 61 turns east onto Fleshman Street; then turns south to reach its eastern terminus at an intersection with U.S. Route 460 just across from the New River at the Narrows Train Station;

WHEREAS, much of Route 61 passes through Southwest Virginia farmland, following the Clinch River, the Clear Fork of Wolf Creek, and Wolf Creek, providing sweeping views of mountains and valleys through the three (3)-county region;

WHEREAS, amazing views are plentiful along Route 61, which include Virginia's highest valley and largest rural historic district, being the community of Burke's Garden, and the beauty of trees that canopy the Giles County section as it moves along Wolf Creek Valley;

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (hereafter, "CTB") to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and to 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 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (hereafter, "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;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, that the County of Tazewell, Virginia, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, does hereby request that the CTB name Route 61 from the Town of Tazewell Corporate Limits to the Bland County line as "Twin Depot Parkway".


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Tazewell, Virginia agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

It is so **RESOLVED** this 29th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:



Thomas A. Lester, Jr.
Chairman – Board of Supervisors



C. Eric Young
Tazewell County Administrator

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>Asbury, Lester, Hymes, Plaster, Stacy</u>
MEMBERS ABSENT:	<u>NONE</u>
AYES:	<u>Asbury, Lester, Hymes, Plaster, Stacy</u>
NAYS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>NONE</u>

Tazewell County Segment



County of Bland

Board of Supervisors



Commonwealth
of Virginia

RESOLUTION

Highway naming of Virginia Route 61, from the Tazewell County boarder to the Giles County boarder in the County of Bland, "Twin Depot Parkway".

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County of Bland, in conjunction with neighboring localities, recognizes the value in recognizing the historical past in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 is one of the shortest primary routes in the Commonwealth and traverses thru only three Counties (Giles, Bland, and Tazewell), with all three localities having shared history associated with rail service; and

WHEREAS, one end of Virginia Route 61 lies just across the Norfolk Southern rail tracks near the Tazewell Train Station while the other terminus of Virginia Route 61 lies just across the New River near the Narrows Train Station; and

WHEREAS, these two depots were built with the same blue print and stand today as two identical stations just forty-eight (48) miles apart; and

WHEREAS, this route has sweeping curves, sharp turns, intersects with Interstate 77 in the Rocky Gap community at a mid-way point, where it crosses Wolf Creek near the historic Wolf Creek Bridge which was once a part of Route 61 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a metal truss railroad bridge built about 1912 by the New River, Holston, and Western Railroad Company; and

WHEREAS, the New River, Holston, and Western Railroad Company, which was sold to the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company in 1919, who then operated train stations in Bland County communities of Niday, Round Bottom, Rocky Gap, Novis, Hicksville, and

Suiter until it was abandoned and Virginia Route 61 was constructed on the original railroad bed through lower Wolf Creek in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 leaves the town of Tazewell and curves to the east to follow the South Fork Clinch River through the Clinch Valley between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Rich Mountain to the south; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 passes the origin of the Clinch River South Fork at the Tennessee Valley Divide in the community of Gratton where the highway intersects Virginia 623 (Burkes Garden Road), which leads over Rich Mountain to Burkes Garden. Virginia 61 continues east along Clear Fork of the Wolf Creek through the community of Shawver Mill and enters Bland County; and

WHEREAS, the state highway continues east as Clear Fork Creek Road, which passes through the communities of Clear Fork, Stowersville, and Byron on the way to Rocky Gap, where Virginia Route 61 has a short concurrence with US 52 and briefly expands to a four-lane divided highway through a diamond interchange with I-77. The two highways make a sharp turn north, then split in Rocky Gap where the Clear Fork Creek enters Wolf Creek; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 continues east as Wolf Creek Road through the valley of Wolf Creek between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Wolf Creek Mountain to the south; and

WHEREAS, the highway passes through Round Bottom and Niday, then enters Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 passes through several small communities in Giles County on its way to Narrows. The state highway enters the town as Park Drive passing the Narrows Town Park on Wolf Creek and continuing as Monroe Street. North of its intersection with Virginia 100 (Main Street), Virginia 61 continues as McArthur Lane, which passes under a Norfolk Southern rail line and crosses over the New River and US 460 (Virginia Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the state highway turns east onto Fleshman Street and turns south to reach its eastern terminus at an intersection with US 460 just across the New River from the Narrows Train Station. Much of the route passes through Southwest Virginia farmland. Following the Clinch River, the Clear Fork of Wolf Creek and Wolf Creek itself, the

highway provides sweeping views of mountains and valleys through the three-county region; and

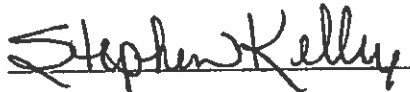
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WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires 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 County of Bland, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB commemoratively name Virginia Route 61, from the boarder of Tazewell County to the boarder of Giles County, as the "Twin Depot Parkway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Bland agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming in Bland County.

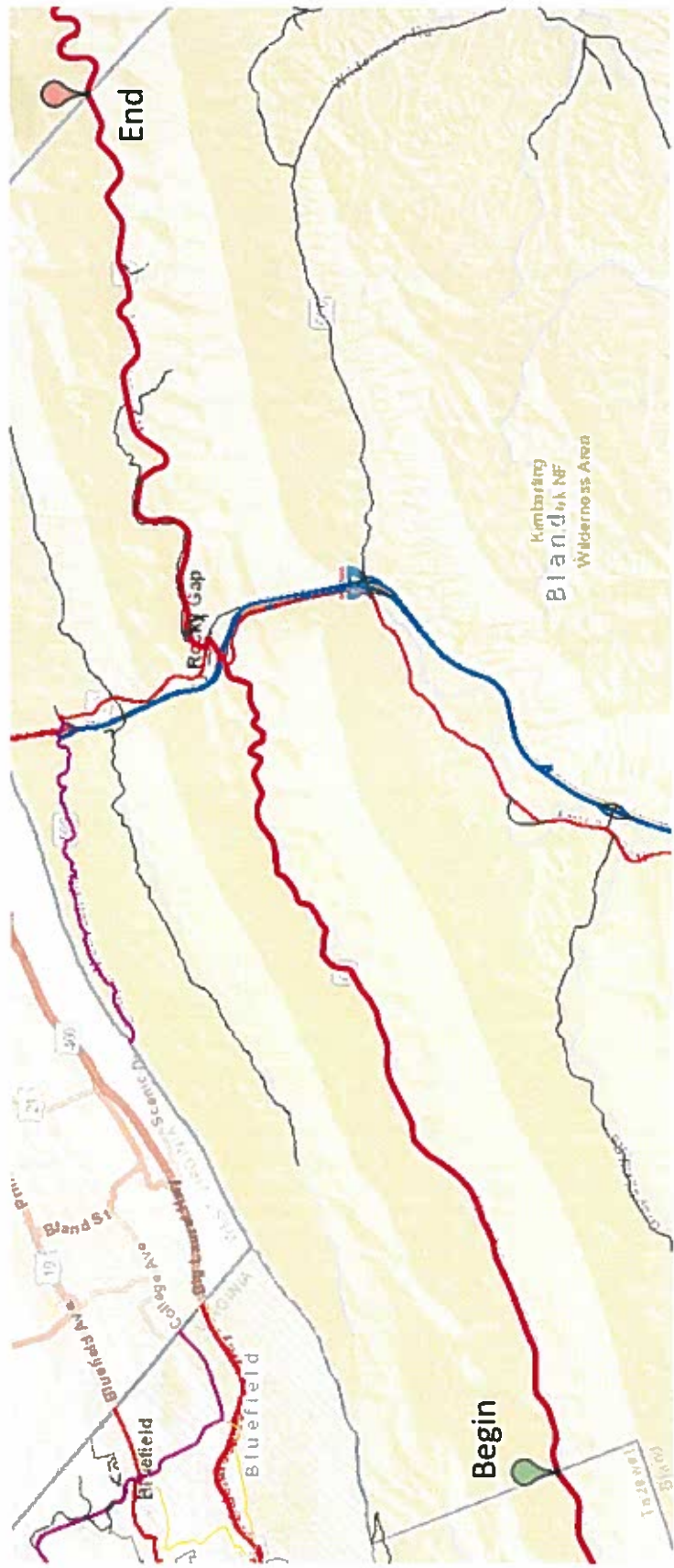
Adopted by the Bland County Board of Supervisors, May 25, 2021.


Stephen Kelley, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:


Eric R. Workman, Ed. D., County Administrator/Clerk

Bland County Segment



RESOLUTION

Highway naming of Virginia Route 61, from the Tazewell County border to the Giles County border in the Town of Narrows, "Twin Depot Parkway"

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County of Giles, in conjunction with neighboring localities, recognizes the value in recognizing the historical past in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 is one of the shortest primary routes in the Commonwealth and traverses through only three (3) Counties (Giles, Bland, and Tazewell) and two (2) Towns (Narrows and Tazewell), with all of these localities having shared history associated with rail service; and

WHEREAS, one end of Virginia Route 61 lies just across the Norfolk Southern rail tracks near the Tazewell Train Station while the other terminus of Virginia Route 61 lies just across the New River near the Narrows Train Station; and

WHEREAS, these two depots were built with the same blue print and stand today as two identical stations just forty-eight (48) miles apart; and

WHEREAS, this route has sweeping curves, sharp turns, and intersects with Interstate 77 in the Rocky Gap community at a mid-way point, where it crosses Wolf Creek near the historic Wolf Creek Bridge which was once a part of Route 61 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a metal truss railroad bridge built about 1912 by the New River, Holston, and Western Railroad Company; and

WHEREAS, the New River, Holston and Western Railroad Company, which was sold to Norfolk and Western Railroad Company in 1919, who then operated train stations in the Bland County communities of Niday, Round Bottom, Rocky Gap, Novis, Hicksville, and Suiter until it was abandoned, and Virginia Route 61 was constructed on the original railroad bed through lower Wolf Creek in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 leaves the town of Tazewell and curves to the east to follow the South Fork Clinch River through the Clinch Valley between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Rich Mountain to the south, and continues east along Clear Fork of the Wolf Creek and enters Bland County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 continues to the community of Rocky Gap in Bland County where it has a short concurrence with US 52 and briefly expands to a four-lane divided highway through a diamond interchange with I-77. The two highways make a sharp turn north, then split in Rocky Gap where the Clear Fork Creek enters Wolf Creek; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 continues east as Wolf Creek Road through the valley of Wolf Creek between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Wolf Creek Mountain to the south and enters Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 passes through the communities of Day, Phleager, First Ford, Boxley, Chapel, Penvir and Shumate in Giles County on its way to the Town of Narrows. The state highway enters the town as Park Drive passing the Narrows Town Park on Wolf Creek and continuing as Monroe Street in the Narrows Commercial Historic District. North of its intersection with Virginia 100 (Main Street), Virginia Route 61 continues as MacArthur Lane, which passes under a Norfolk Southern rail line and a Norfolk and Western concrete underpass just before the intersection with Depot Street and the location of the Narrows Train Station, which is in active use by Norfolk Southern. The state highway then turns east onto Fleshman Street and turns south to reach its eastern terminus at an intersection with US 460 just across the New River from the Narrows Train Station.

WHEREAS, much of Virginia Route 61 passes through Southwest Virginia farmland. Following the Clinch River, the Clear Fork of Wolf Creek and Wolf Creek itself, the highway provides sweeping views of mountains and valleys through the three-county, two-town region; 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 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities names 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 Giles County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB commemoratively name Virginia Route 61, within the County of Giles, as the "Twin Depot Parkway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Giles agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming in Giles County.

Adopted at a meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on June 17, 2021.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P. Baker	X			
J. Lawson	X			
P. Martin	X			
R. McCoy	X			
J. Morris	X			


 Attest: Chris McKlarney, Clerk

Giles County Segment





Town Of Narrows

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Narrows, Virginia 24124

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RESOLUTION

Highway naming of Virginia Route 61, from the Tazewell County border to the Giles County border in the Town of Narrows, "Twin Depot Parkway"

WHEREAS, the Narrows Town Council on behalf of the Town of Narrows, in conjunction with neighboring localities, recognizes the value in recognizing the historical past in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 is one of the shortest primary routes in the Commonwealth and traverses through only three (3) Counties (Giles, Bland, and Tazewell) and two (2) Towns (Narrows and Tazewell), with all of these localities having shared history associated with rail service; and

WHEREAS, one end of Virginia Route 61 lies just across the Norfolk Southern rail tracks near the Tazewell Train Station while the other terminus of Virginia Route 61 lies just across the New River near the Narrows Train Station; and

WHEREAS, these two depots were built with the same blue print and stand today as two identical stations just forty-eight (48) miles apart; and

WHEREAS, this route has sweeping curves, sharp turns, and intersects with Interstate 77 in the Rocky Gap community at a mid-way point, where it crosses Wolf Creek near the historic Wolf Creek Bridge which was once a part of Route 61 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a metal truss railroad bridge built about 1912 by the New River, Holston, and Western Railroad Company; and

WHEREAS, the New River, Holston and Western Railroad Company, which was sold to Norfolk and Western Railroad Company in 1919, who then operated train stations in the Bland County communities of Niday, Round Bottom, Rocky Gap, Novis, Hicksville, and Suiter until it was abandoned, and Virginia Route 61 was constructed on the original railroad bed through lower Wolf Creek in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 leaves the town of Tazewell and curves to the east to follow the South Fork Clinch River through the Clinch Valley between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and

Rich Mountain to the south, and continues east along Clear Fork of the Wolf Creek and enters Bland County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 continues to the community of Rocky Gap in Bland County where it has a short concurrence with US 52 and briefly expands to a four-lane divided highway through a diamond interchange with I-77. The two highways make a sharp turn north, then split in Rocky Gap where the Clear Fork Creek enters Wolf Creek; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 continues east as Wolf Creek Road through the valley of Wolf Creek between Buckhorn Mountain to the north and Wolf Creek Mountain to the south and enters Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Route 61 passes through the communities of Day, Phleager, First Ford, Boxley, Chapel, Penvir and Shumate in Giles County on its way to the Town of Narrows. The state highway enters the town as Park Drive passing the Narrows Town Park on Wolf Creek and continuing as Monroe Street in the Narrows Commercial Historic District. North of its intersection with Virginia 100 (Main Street), Virginia Route 61 continues as MacArthur Lane, which passes under a Norfolk Southern rail line and a Norfolk and Western concrete underpass just before the intersection with Depot Street and the location of the Narrows Train Station, which is in active use by Norfolk Southern. The state highway then turns east onto Fleshman Street and turns south to reach its eastern terminus at an intersection with US 460 just across the New River from the Narrows Train Station.

WHEREAS, much of Virginia Route 61 passes through Southwest Virginia farmland. Following the Clinch River, the Clear Fork of Wolf Creek and Wolf Creek itself, the highway provides sweeping views of mountains and valleys through the three-county, two-town region; 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 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities names 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 Town of Narrows, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB commemoratively name Virginia Route 61, from the border of Giles County on Park Drive to the intersection with Route 460 in the Town of Narrows on Fleshman Street, as the "Twin Depot Parkway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Narrows agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming in the Town of Narrows.

Adopted by the Narrows Town Council, June 14, 2021.



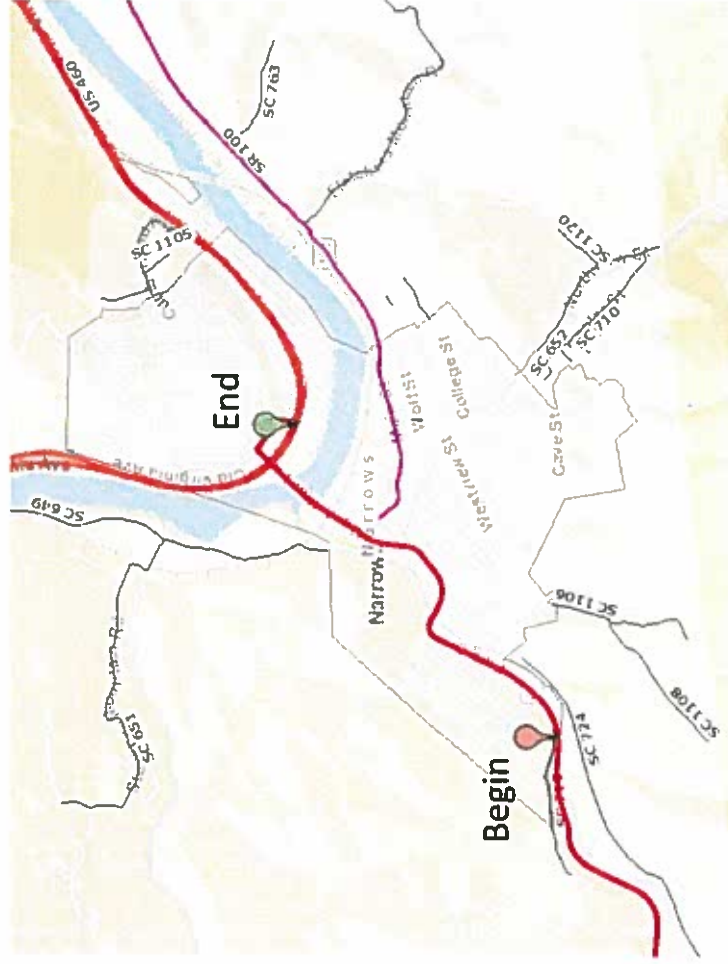
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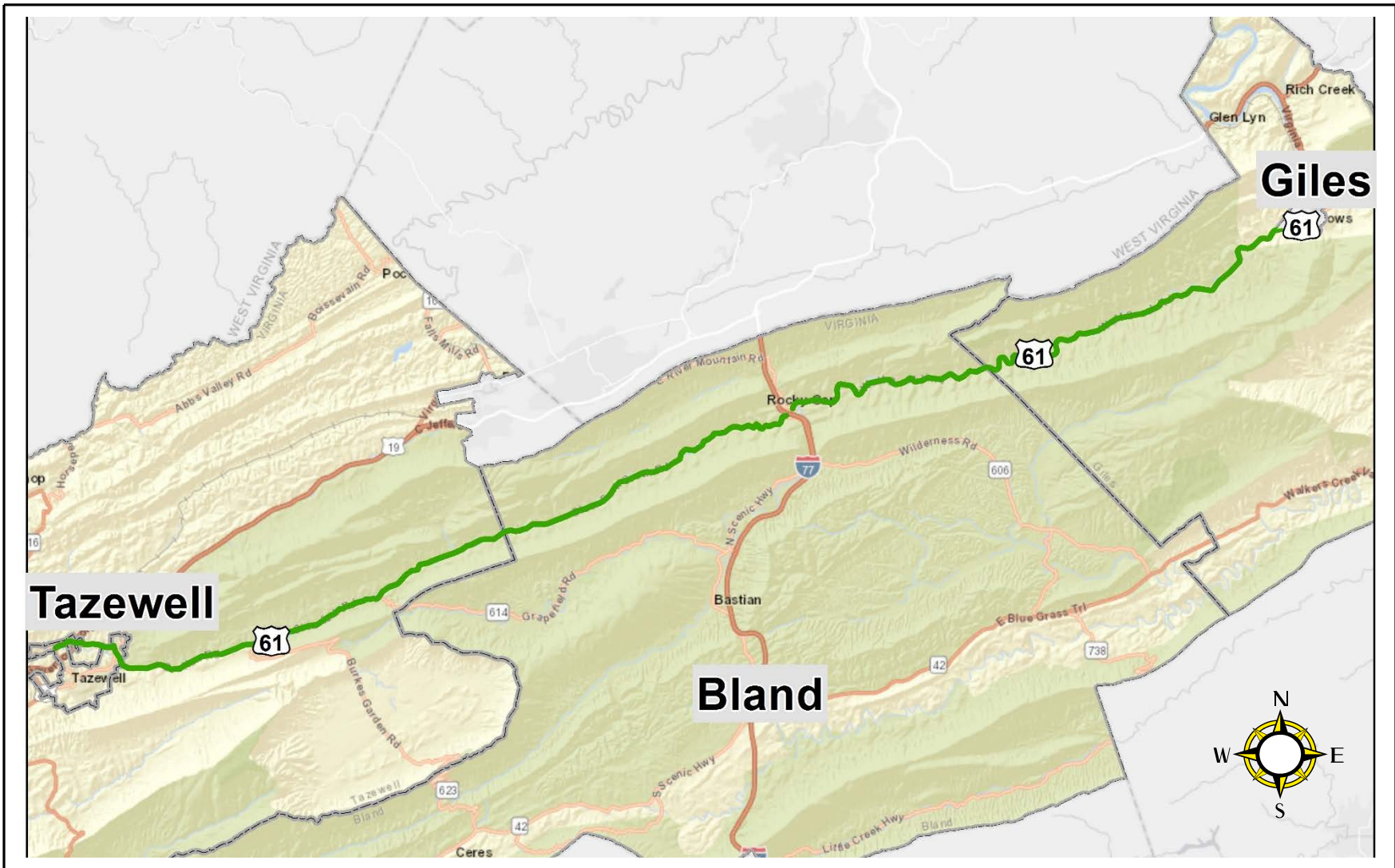
ATTESTED BY:




Debbie Thomas, Clerk for Town of Narrows

Town of Narrows Segment





Tazewell, Bland & Giles County
 Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
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 Proposed Highway Naming