



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 21, 2023

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes, **Seconded By:** Mr. Coleman:

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated December 20, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and ultimate sacrifice of TSgt. Alfred E. Montgomery, name the bridge on Route 672, Old Fincastle Road, over Martins Creek, Lee County, as the “Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Lee County, by letter dated January 12, 2023, has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 672, Old Fincastle Road, over Martins Creek, Lee County, as the “Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge”.

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 672, Old Fincastle Road, over Martins Creek, Lee County, as the “Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: The Lee County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 20, 2022 to honor TSgt. Alfred E. Montgomery’s life, service and ultimate sacrifice to his country and countrymen.

According to that resolution, Mr. Montgomery was born July 22, 1921 on Martins Creek near Rose Hill in Lee County.

While serving his country, he was a flight engineer on a B-24D Liberator named “Malicious”, assigned to the 9th Air Force, 376th Bombardment Group, 513th Bombardment Squadron.

On January 31, 1943, Malicious was the lead plane on a combat mission to bomb Messina harbor in Sicily when two engines were knocked out of commission by anti-aircraft artillery but failed to stop the crew from successfully hitting their target, after which they were engaged by German fighter planes and forced to make a crash landing into the Tyrrhenian Sea. While crewmen in other aircraft saw four to six men evacuate the plane into life rafts, subsequent rescue flights were unable to locate the men.

TSgt. Alfred E. Montgomery is memorialized on the Wall of the Missing and received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

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

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* 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 Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on Route 672, Old Fincastle Road, over Martins Creek, Lee County, will be known as the “Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by letter dated January 12, 2023, Lee County 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.

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WHEREAS, Alfred E. Montgomery was born July 22, 1921 on Martins Creek near Rose Hill in Lee County, Virginia to Lonnie and Birdie Shackelford Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, TSgt Alfred E. Montgomery was flight engineer on a B-24D Liberator named "Malicious", assigned to the 9th Air Force, 376th Bombardment Group, 513th Bombardment Squadron; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1943, Malicious was the lead plane on a combat mission to bomb Messina Harbor in Sicily when two engines were knocked out of commission by anti-aircraft artillery but failed to stop the crew from successfully hitting their target, after which they were engaged by German fighter planes and forced to make a crash landing into the Tyrrhenian Sea, twenty miles off the coast of Messina, Sicily and while crewmen in other aircraft saw four to six men evacuate the plane into life rafts, subsequent rescue flights were unable to locate the men; and

WHEREAS, TSgt. Alfred E. Montgomery is memorialized on the Wall of the Missing and received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to commemorate the brave service and sacrifice of TSgt. Alfred E. Montgomery to country and countrymen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation formally designate and name the bridge over Martins Creek on Route 672 (Old Fincastle Road) as the "Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge".

Adopted this the 20th day of December, 2022.





CLERK OF THE BOARD

Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge

GPS: 36.403469, -83.212477

Route 672 - Old Fincastle Road

Structure No: 6057

Over: Martins Creek

Legend

 Proposed Bridge to be Named

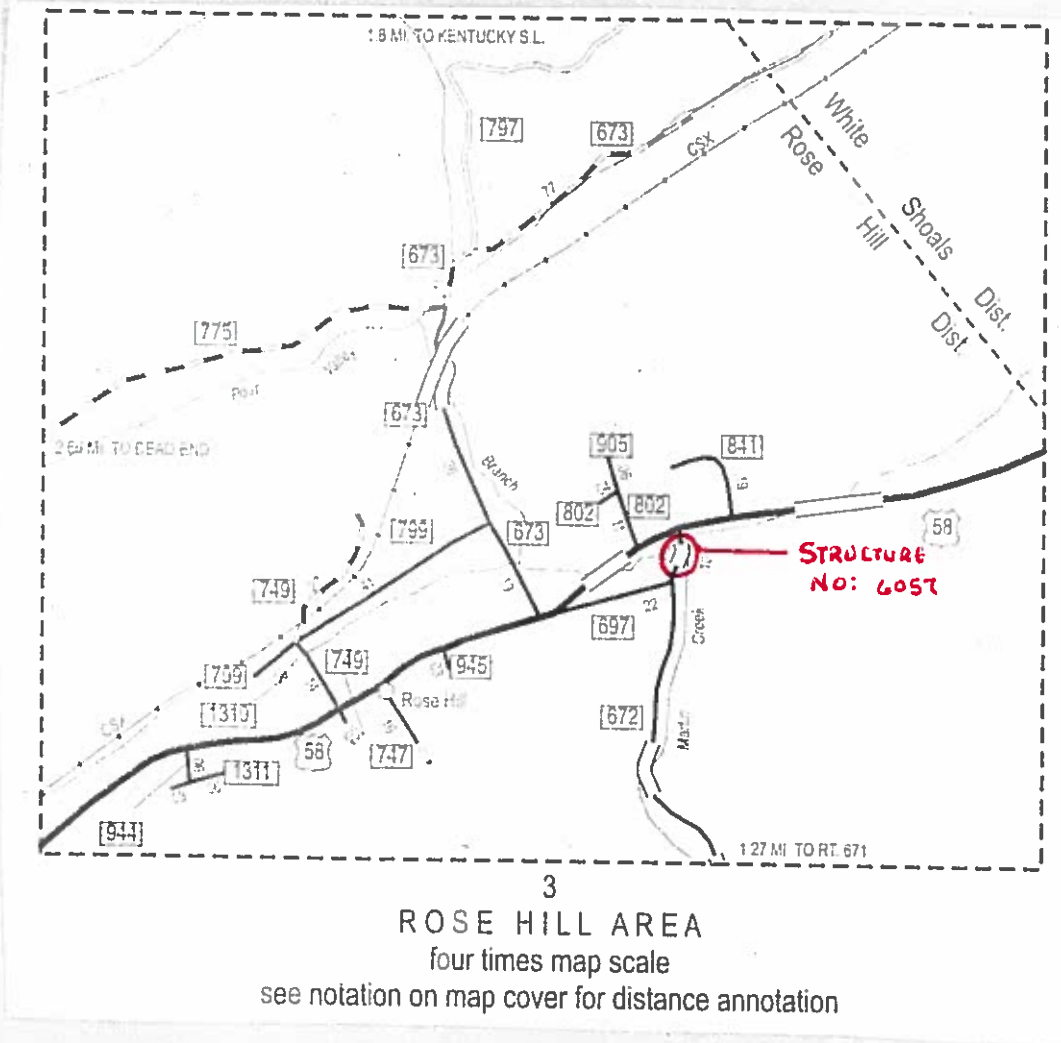


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LEE COUNTY





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January 12, 2023

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RE: Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge Request
Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge Request

Dear Mr. Sumpter:

This is to confirm that the Lee County Board of Supervisors will pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs for the above referenced bridge naming requests.

If you should have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

D. Dane Poe
County Administrator

Enclosure



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Old Fincastle Rd.

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