



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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**Agenda item # 1**

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

**April 21, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By:** Ms. Hynes      **Seconded By:** Mr. Merrill

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

#### **Title: Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §33.2-902, *Code of Virginia 1950*, as amended, the Commissioner of Highways was provided with a petition to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways a segment of Route F-287, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, in Prince William County. This matter is being considered at the request of Bull Run Preserve, Inc., an adjacent property owner. The road segment's total distance of 0.2 mile is

- (a) no longer necessary as a public road, and
- (b) no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of this segment of Route F-287 from the Primary System of State Highways, as documented in the letter of support, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) posted notice, attached hereto as Exhibit C, of the intent to abandon such segment on behalf of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board), and such posting was done in accordance with § 33.2-902, and VDOT received no requests for public hearing on the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, a Primary highway that is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense may be abandoned by the Board, pursuant to §33.2-902, *Code of Virginia 1950*, as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the roadway segment identified below, is hereby ordered abandoned as part of Primary system of state highways, pursuant to § 33.2-902, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

**Primary System of State Highways**

**Abandonment**

Northern Virginia District

Prince William County

- Route F-287 0.2 Mi.

**Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 0.2 Mi.**

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Abandonment of Portion of Route F-287 Located in Prince William County

**Issue:** An adjacent landowner has requested the abandonment of a 0.2 mile segment of Route F-287 in Prince William County and the County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment and its approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

**Facts:** A segment of Route F-287 in Prince William County, a distance of 0.2 mile, is no longer necessary as a public road. This matter is being considered at the request of Bull Run Preserve, Inc., an adjacent property owner, for the purpose of controlling vehicular access to better protect the Beverley Mill.

The Prince William County Director of Transportation has provided a letter of support, dated February 26, 2021 (Exhibit A, attached), indicating the Prince William County Board of Supervisors' support of the abandonment of a 0.2 mile portion of Route F-287 (segment identified in "Blue" on Exhibit B, attached).

Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined the 0.2 mile portion should be abandoned as a part of the Primary System of State Highways, pursuant to § 33.2-902 of the *Code of Virginia*, since no public necessity exists for the continuance of the segment as a public road.

Pursuant to and in accordance with § 33.2-902 of the *Code of Virginia*, VDOT published a "Notice of Intent to Abandon" in the *Washington Post* publication on December 17 and 24, 2020 (Exhibit C, attached). No requests for public hearing were submitted during the requisite 30-day timeframe.

**Recommendations:** VDOT recommends the Commonwealth Transportation Board approve the abandonment of the 0.2 mile portion of Route F-287 referenced above.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board's members to approve the change proposed in this brief within four months of the end of the 30-day period after publication of the notice of intent to abandon. A letter of support describing the proposed segment to be abandoned 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 or Deny

**Public Comments/Reactions:** A public hearing was not requested during the requisite timeframe.

## Exhibit A

### Prince William County Letter of Support dated February 26, 2021



**PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY**

Department of Transportation  
Ricardo Canizales  
Director of Transportation

February 26, 2021

Mr. Richard Burke  
Transportation & Land Use Director  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
10228 Residency Road  
Manassas, VA 20109

RE: Abandonment of a Segment of Route F-287, Beverley Mill Road

Dear Mr. Burke:

Prince William County and the Virginia Department of Transportation received a petition from an interested landowner to abandon a portion of Route F-287. This proposed abandonment involves the 0.2 mile segment of Route F-287, also known as Beverley Mill Road, at the western end of the road (see attached sketch for abandonment location).

Bull Run Preserve, Inc. is seeking the abandonment of the road so that they can proceed with acquiring the right-of-way. This will allow Bull Run Preserve to better protect the Mill by controlling public access.

In my capacity as the Prince William County Director of Transportation and on behalf of the Prince William Board of Supervisors, the County supports this 0.2 mile abandonment of a portion of Route F-287 pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, agreeing that no public necessity exists for the continuance of this section of road as a public highway.

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

Sincerely,

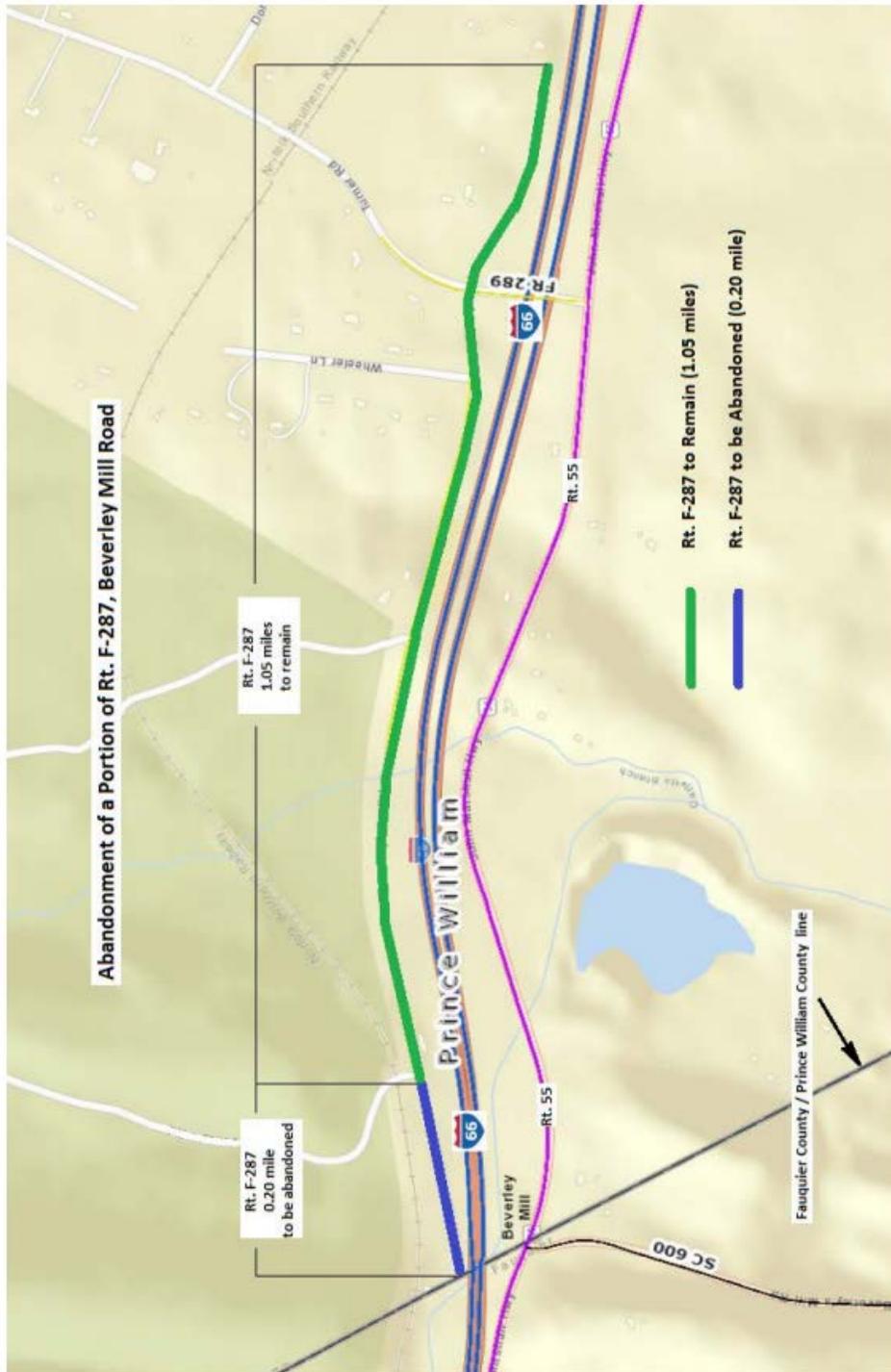
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Canizales".

Ricardo Canizales  
Director of Transportation

Cc: Chair Ann Wheeler, Prince William County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Peter Candland, Gainesville District

## Exhibit B

### Sketch of Proposed Abandonment Prince William County – 0.2 Mile Segment of Rt. F-287



## Exhibit C

**“Notice of Intent to Abandon”  
Published in the *Washington Post*  
December 17 and 24, 2020**



**Route F-287 (Beverley Mill Road)  
Prince William County**  
Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing  
Notice of Intent to Abandon Public Road Segment

Pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will consider abandonment of a segment of Route F-287 (Beverley Mill Road) in Prince William County. The total length and location of the abandonment is a 0.2-mile segment located at the western end of Route F-287.

VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing prior to considering the abandonment if one or more landowners whose property is impacted by the abandonment makes a request. A public hearing may be requested in writing to Mr. Art Klos, Project Manager, VDOT Prince William Residency, 10228 Residency Road, Manassas, VA 20110 on or prior to **January 25, 2021**.

Additional information about the proposed abandonment is available at VDOT's Prince William Residency Office at the address above. Please call ahead at 703-366-2004 or TTY/TDD 711 to make an appointment with appropriate personnel.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT Civil Rights at 703-259-1775.