



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item # 4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 8, 2021

MOTION

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

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

**Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of U. S. Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) to
“U.S. Route 1” in Caroline County**

WHEREAS, Caroline County seeks to and has requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the entire portion of U.S. Route 1 within Caroline County, from “Jefferson Davis Highway” to “U.S. Route 1”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, by resolution dated September 28, 2021, Caroline 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 Caroline County, to “U.S. Route 1”; 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, Caroline County, in a letter from the County Administrator dated October 5, 2021, has agreed that the law (§ 33.2-213) requires Caroline County to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

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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 Caroline County, from "Jefferson Davis Highway" to "U.S. Route 1".

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 Caroline County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: Renaming U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, to “U.S. Route 1” in Caroline County

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the renaming of U.S. Route 1, within the boundaries of Caroline County, from “Jefferson Davis Highway” to “U.S. Route 1”, as requested by Caroline County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Facts: The Caroline County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on September 28, 2021 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 designated as Jefferson Davis Highway within Caroline County to “U.S. Route 1”.

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 Caroline County, will be renamed to “U.S. Route 1”, as requested by Caroline County. Caroline County, in a letter from the County Administrator dated October 5, 2021, has agreed that § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* requires Caroline County to bear 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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October 5, 2021

Mr. Kyle Bates
Residency Administrator
VDOT Fredericksburg District

Dear Mr. Bates,

Attached for referral to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is R 16/21, adopted by the Caroline County Board of Supervisors BOS on September 28, 2021 renaming Route 1 in Caroline County to U.S. Route 1, and requesting the CTB do the same. The adoption of U.S. Route 1 as the name reflects the understanding of most residents and businesses, and is used by most for directions and as a point of reference.

The Caroline County Board of Supervisors is fully aware that the County bears the cost for the purchase, installation and maintenance of new street name signs, as required by law.

Respectfully,


Charles M. Culley, Jr.
County Administrator

Caroline County, Virginia

Board of Supervisors



Caroline County, VA



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RESOLUTION R 16/21

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO CHANGE THE NAME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY IN CAROLINE COUNTY TO U.S. ROUTE 1

WHEREAS, the General Assembly adopted House Bill 2075, renaming U.S. Route 1 from Jefferson Davis Highway to Emancipation Highway, effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Virginia signed HB 2075 into law on March 30, 2021, which is further codified by Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia; and

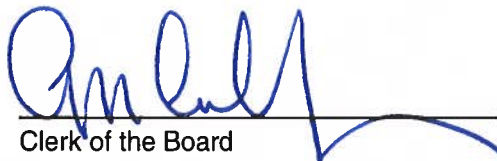
WHEREAS, the January 1, 2022 effective date provides localities the opportunity to rename U.S. Route 1 from Jefferson Davis Highway to a locally adopted road name; and

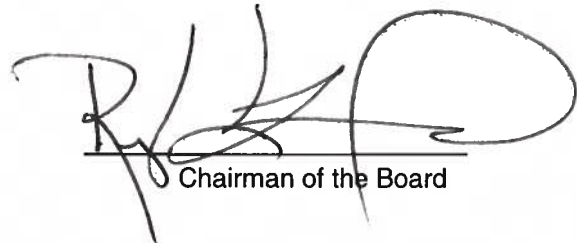
WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt a local road name prior to the January 1, 2022 effective date, consistent with the legislation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caroline County Board of Supervisors on this 28th day of September, 2021 that Jefferson Davis Highway in Caroline County be renamed to U.S. Route 1, and requests the CTB to approve the name change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Fredericksburg Residency Administrator.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2021


Clerk of the Board

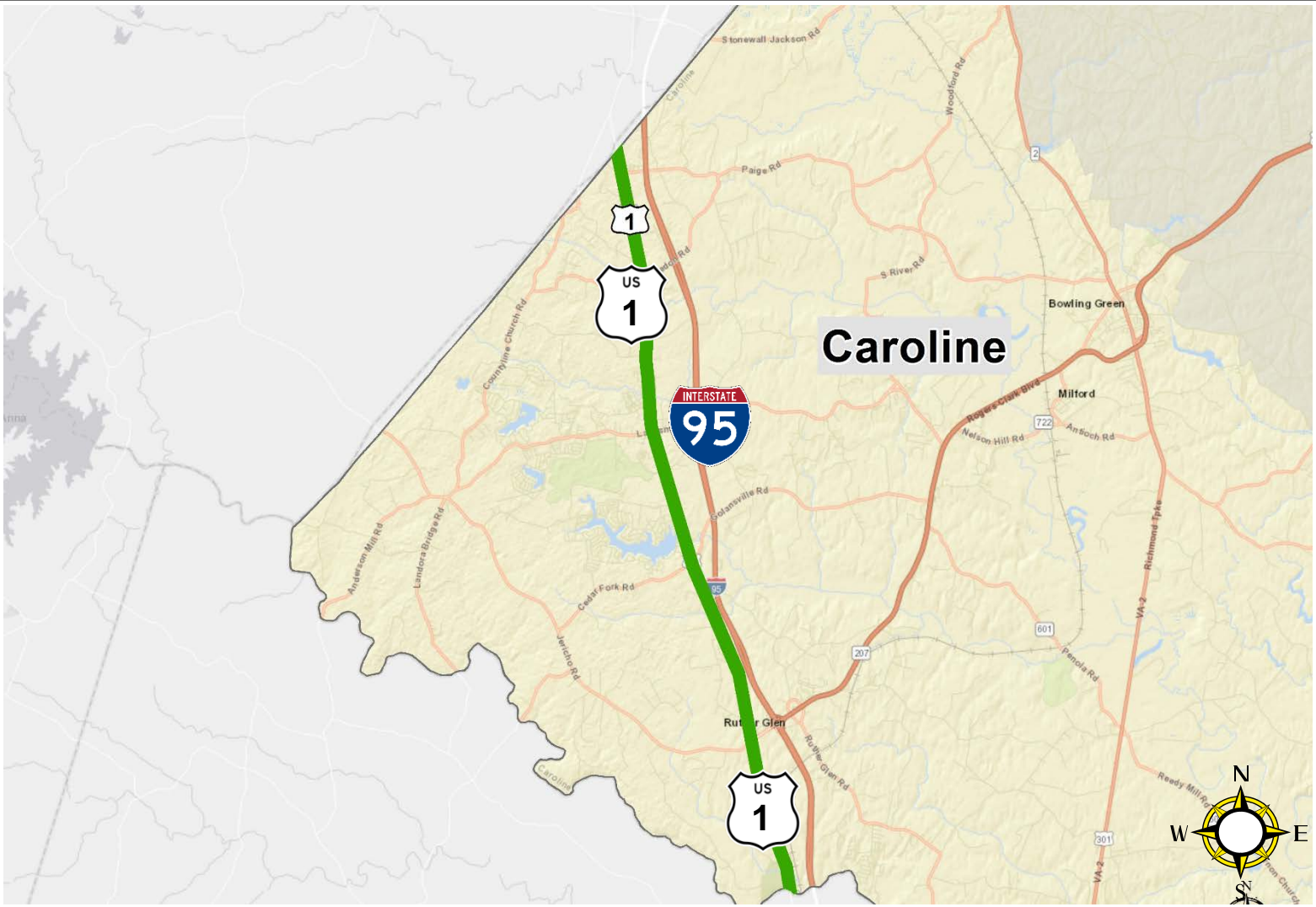

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Maintenance Division

CTB Meeting: December 8, 2021

Caroline County
 Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
“U.S. Route 1”

 Proposed Highway Naming