

CTB Decision Brief

Bypass Naming: "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass"

Issue: Commemorative naming of the new flyover at Routes 15/29 and Route 17, known as the Opal Bypass, in Opal in Fauquier County.

Facts: On September 12, 2013, the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County passed a resolution requesting the Opal Bypass be named the "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass".

William Sidney Shacklette was born on May 18, 1880 in Delaplane, Virginia. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was serving as a hospital steward on the gunboat USS Bennington when one of the ship's boilers exploded. Even though Mr. Shacklette suffered third degree burns over much of his body, he assisted others who were wounded and is credited with saving the lives of many of his fellow sailors. Mr. Shacklette received the Medal of Honor on January 5, 1906. He passed away on February 12, 1945 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County wishes to memorialize the life and sacrifice of William Sidney Shacklette by having the Opal Bypass named the "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass".

Recommendations: 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 the bypass. A resolution will be provided for the Board's consideration.

Result if Approved: The new flyover at Routes 15/29 and Route 17 in Opal, will be known and signed as the "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass". In accordance with law, the County will reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs and VDOT will invoice accordingly.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

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



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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 19, 2014

MOTION

Made By: Seconded By: Action:

Title: "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass" Commemorative Naming of the Opal Bypass at Routes 15/29 and Route 17, Fauquier County

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County wants to memorialize William Sidney Shacklette; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §33.1-12(4) of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in memory of William Sidney Shacklette, name the flyover at Routes 15/29 and Route 17, known as the Opal Bypass, in Opal, as the "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass"; and

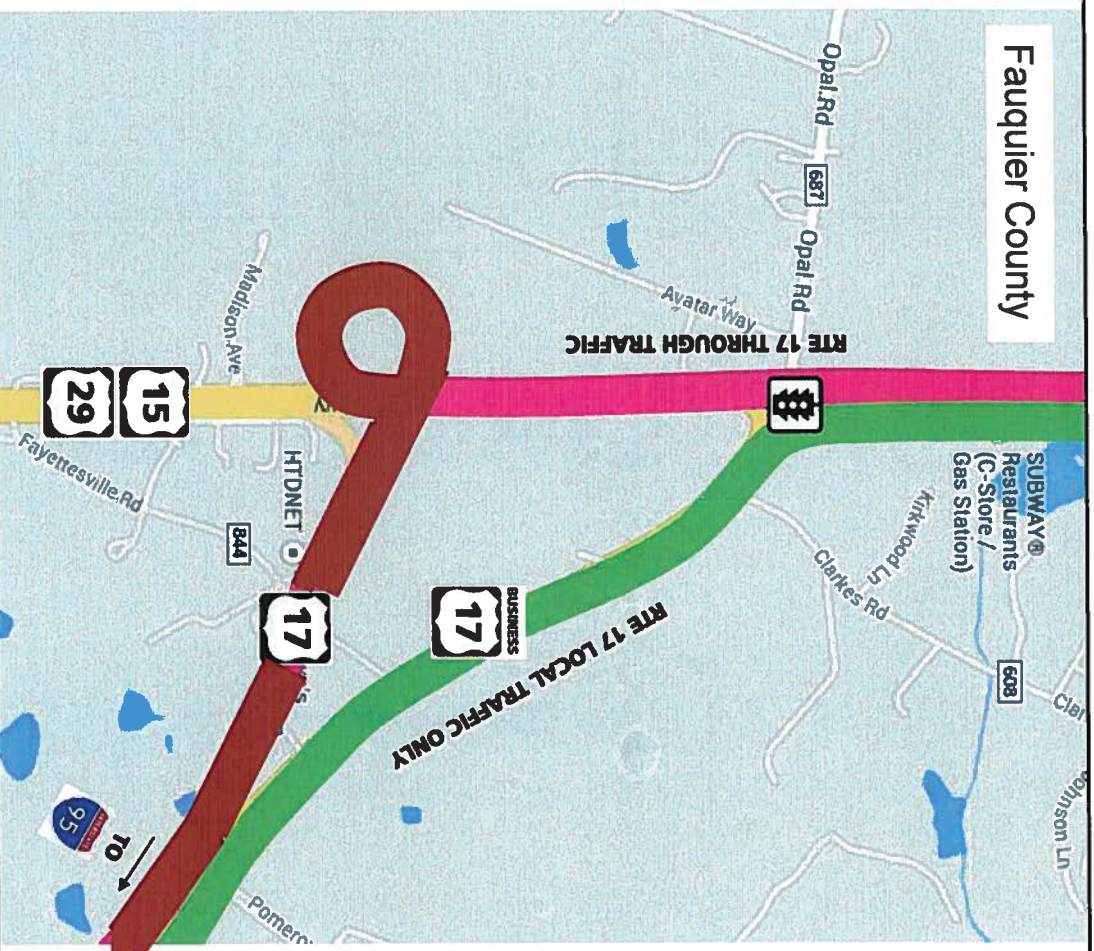
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County has indicated its support for the proposed bypass naming, and has agreed to reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.1-12(4), *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby names the Opal Bypass as the "William Sidney Shacklette Bypass"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to fabricate and erect appropriate signs and to invoice the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County for the costs related to this commemorative naming.

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Fauquier County



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Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
"William Sidney Shacklette Bypass"

Proposed Highway Naming



Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division
CTB MEETING: March 19, 2014

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NAME THE OPAL BYPASS IN HONOR OF WILLIAM SIDNEY SHACKLETTE

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of February, 2013 the Board of Supervisors, at the request of the Fauquier County Veterans' Council, agreed to petition the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for permission to name all bridges spanning primary and secondary roads after military veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Veterans' Council has requested that the Board of Supervisors now petition VDOT to name the Opal Bypass the "William Sidney Shacklette" Bypass in honor of William Sidney Shacklette; and

WHEREAS, William Sidney Shacklette was born May 18, 1880 in Delaplane, Virginia and was 22 years old when he joined the United States Navy. He enlisted for four years as Hospital Apprentice First Class at the U.S. Naval Rendezvous at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. He served on two other ships before being transferred to the gunboat USS Bennington (PG-4). He was stationed aboard the USS Bennington as a hospital steward when, on July 21, 1905, one of the USS Bennington's boilers exploded while it was in San Diego, California. Although he suffered severe third degree burns over much of his body in the explosion, he assisted other wounded as much as he could and was credited with saving the lives of many of his fellow sailors. For his actions, he received the Medal of Honor on January 5, 1906. Due to his injuries, he was honorably discharged from the Navy on Oct. 23, 1906. After recovering from his wounds he completed seminary school and returned to active duty in the United States Army during World War I as a chaplain. He remained on active duty through the war and once it was over, continued as a minister, which eventually led to his nomination to be the Chaplain of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shacklette died Feb. 12, 1945 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His grave can be found in section 10, Lot 10688; and

WHEREAS, Shacklette Hall, a barracks located at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center was named for Mr. Shacklette on June 13, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shacklette lived his life in support of his Country; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to memorialize the life and sacrifice of Mr. Shacklette; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, this 12th day of September 2013 That the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors does hereby petition the Commonwealth Transportation Board to name the Opal Bypass the "William Sidney Shacklette" Bypass.