



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 1

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

April 20, 2016

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Williams, Seconded By: Ms. Valentine
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: "Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge" Commemorative
Naming of the bridge on State Route 10, Old Hundred Road, over the CSX
Railroad, Chesterfield County

WHEREAS, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors wants to memorialize the life and sacrifices of Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board, to memorialize the life and sacrifices of Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman, name the bridge on State Route 10, Old Hundred Road, over the CSX Railroad, Chesterfield County as the "Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County has agreed to reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby names the bridge on State Route 10, Old Hundred Road, over the CSX Railroad, Chesterfield County as the "Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge"; and

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on State Route 10, West Hundred Road, over the CSX Railroad, Chesterfield County.

Facts: Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman of Chester, Virginia was born on November 6, 1984 and graduated from Lloyd C. Bird High School in 2003. He served in the South Carolina Army National Guard while a student at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, deploying to Afghanistan with the 218th Brigade Combat Team in 2007.

Sergeant Wittman enlisted in the United States Army in 2010 after completing his education at The Citadel. He deployed for his second combat tour in Afghanistan in 2012 with the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

On January 10, 2013 Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman died from wounds sustained while returning enemy fire to protect and save the lives of his combat team when his unit, which was on mounted patrol, came under small arms fire.

Sergeant Wittman gave his life in defense of a grateful nation.

On February 24, 2016, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, wishing to memorialize the life and the sacrifices of Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman, passed a resolution requesting the bridge located on State Route 10, Old Hundred Road, over the CSX Railroad, Chesterfield County, be named the “Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge”.

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 the bridge. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on State Route 10, Old Hundred Road, over the CSX Railroad, Chesterfield County, be named the “Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge”.

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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Charles A. Kilpatrick, **P.E.**
COMMISSIONER

March 15, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Brack Dunn

FROM: Mr. Robert H. Cary, P.E., L.S. *A1J/t*
Richmond District Engineer *'("' "*

SUBJECT: Resolution for Bridge Naming – West Hundred Road Bridge over the
CSX Railroad, Chesterfield County

Attached please find a resolution adopted by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors on February 24, 2016 requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to name the West Hundred Road Bridge over the CSX Railroad the "Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge". Sergeant Wittman was killed in action in Afghanistan on January 10, 2013.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request and place it before the CTB at the earliest opportunity. It appears that this request complies with the requirement of the *Code of Virginia*, and the General Powers and Duties of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Chesterfield County has agreed by the attached resolution to pay for the fabrication and installation of the signs.

Attachment

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held in the Public Meeting Room at the Chesterfield Administration Building on February 24, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Jaeckle, seconded by Mr. Winslow, the Board adopted the following resolution requesting the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to name the West Hundred Road Bridge over the CSX Railroad the "Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge":

WHEREAS, Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman of Chester, Virginia was born on November 6, 1984, and graduated from Lloyd C. Bird High School in June 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wittman served in the South Carolina Army National Guard while a student at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, deploying to Afghanistan with the 218th Brigade Combat Team in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wittman enlisted in the United States Army in 2010 after completing his college education at The Citadel; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wittman deployed for his second combat tour in Afghanistan in 2012, with the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2013, Sergeant Wittman died from wounds sustained while returning enemy fire to protect and save the lives of his combat team when his unit, which was on mounted patrol, came under small arms fire; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wittman gave his life in defense of a grateful nation; and

WHEREAS, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors wishes to memorialize the life and the sacrifices of Sergeant Wittman.

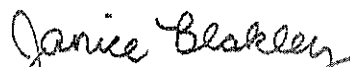
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the West Hundred Road Bridge over the CSX Railroad in Chester the "Sergeant Aaron Xavier Wittman Memorial Bridge".

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chesterfield County will assume the costs for the fabrication and installation of the signs for this naming.

Ayes: Elswick, Jaeckle, Winslow, Holland and Haley.

Nays: None.

Certified by:



JaniceVBlakley, Clerk o the
Board of Supervisors

Chesterfield County

**Proposed Bridge Naming
"Sergeant Aaron Xavier
Wittman Memorial Bridge"**

