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Agenda item # 14

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

December 7, 2016

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes, Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Virginia Byway Designation – Routes 601, 681, 55, 646, 619 (Bristow Road),
619 (Joplin Road) – Prince William County**

WHEREAS, under the authority of §33.2-405 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is authorized to designate Virginia Byways in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) after providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, the staffs of DCR and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have reviewed and determined that the following routes substantially meet the criteria as Virginia Byways; and

- Route 601 (Waterfall Road) – from the Fauquier County line east to the intersection of Route 681
- Route 681 (Antioch Road) – from the Route 601 intersection south to Route 55
- Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) – from Route 681 to the Fauquier County line
- Route 646 (Aden Road) – between Route 619 and Route 28
- Route 619 (Bristow Road) – between Joplin Road (Route 619) and Route 28
- Route 619 (Joplin Road) – between Bristow Road and I-95

WHEREAS, the DCR Director, on August 23, 2016, recommended to VDOT that the routes herein described be designated as Virginia Byways; and

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WHEREAS, the procedures required by §33.2-405 have been followed and a public hearing was held on November 22, 2016, the views of the local governing body have been considered; and

WHEREAS, once designated as Virginia Byways, it is the sense of the CTB that such designation should not limit roadway improvements or maintenance by VDOT, or prevent the CTB from exercising its general power and duties to locate, construct, improve and maintain all highways in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Routes 601, 681, 55, 646, 619 (Bristow Road) and 619 (Joplin Road) in Prince William County as herein described be designated as Virginia Byways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VDOT is directed to make every effort to ensure that the scenic integrity of Virginia's Byways is maintained in order to preserve and protect the unique natural resources, and promote and protect Virginia's vital tourism industry and the thousands of jobs associated therewith.

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CTB DECISION BRIEF

Virginia Byway Designation **Routes 601, 681, 55, 646, 619 (Bristow Road), 619 (Joplin Road)** **Prince William County**

Issue: §33.2-405 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to designate Virginia Byways. Although the two agencies may take the initiative with respect to designation of a highway as a Virginia Byway, the usual procedure is to begin review actions after having received an expression of interest from the governing body of a locality.

Facts: The Prince William County Board of Supervisors, at its December 8, 2015 and January 19, 2016 meetings, voted to request Route 601 (Waterfall Road) from the Fauquier County line east to the intersection of Route 681; Route 681 (Antioch Road) from the Route 601 intersection south to Route 55; Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) from Route 681 to the Fauquier County line; Route 646 (Aden Road) between Route 619 and Route 28; Route 619 (Bristow Road) between Joplin Road (Route 619) and Route 28; Route 619 (Joplin Road) between Bristow Road and I-95 designated as Virginia Byways.

The staffs of DCR and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have determined that the road corridors substantially meet the criteria as Virginia Byways: they include several state and nationally recognized historic sites such as Brentsville Historic District, Prince William Forest Park Historic District, Broad Run/Little Georgetown Rural Historic District, Chapman's Mill/Beverly Mill Historic District, proposed Village of Bristow Historic District and several battlefields. Additionally, nearby access to several parks and other recreational sites create attractive driving experiences and connections to Virginia Byways in adjacent Fauquier County. As provided for by §33.2-405 of the *Code of Virginia*, a public hearing was held November 22, 2016. If approved, this designation will add 39.4 miles to the Virginia Byway system, bringing the total inventory to approximately 3,500 miles.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends that the CTB approve the designation of these sections of Routes 601, 681, 55, 646 and 619 in Prince William County as Virginia Byways.

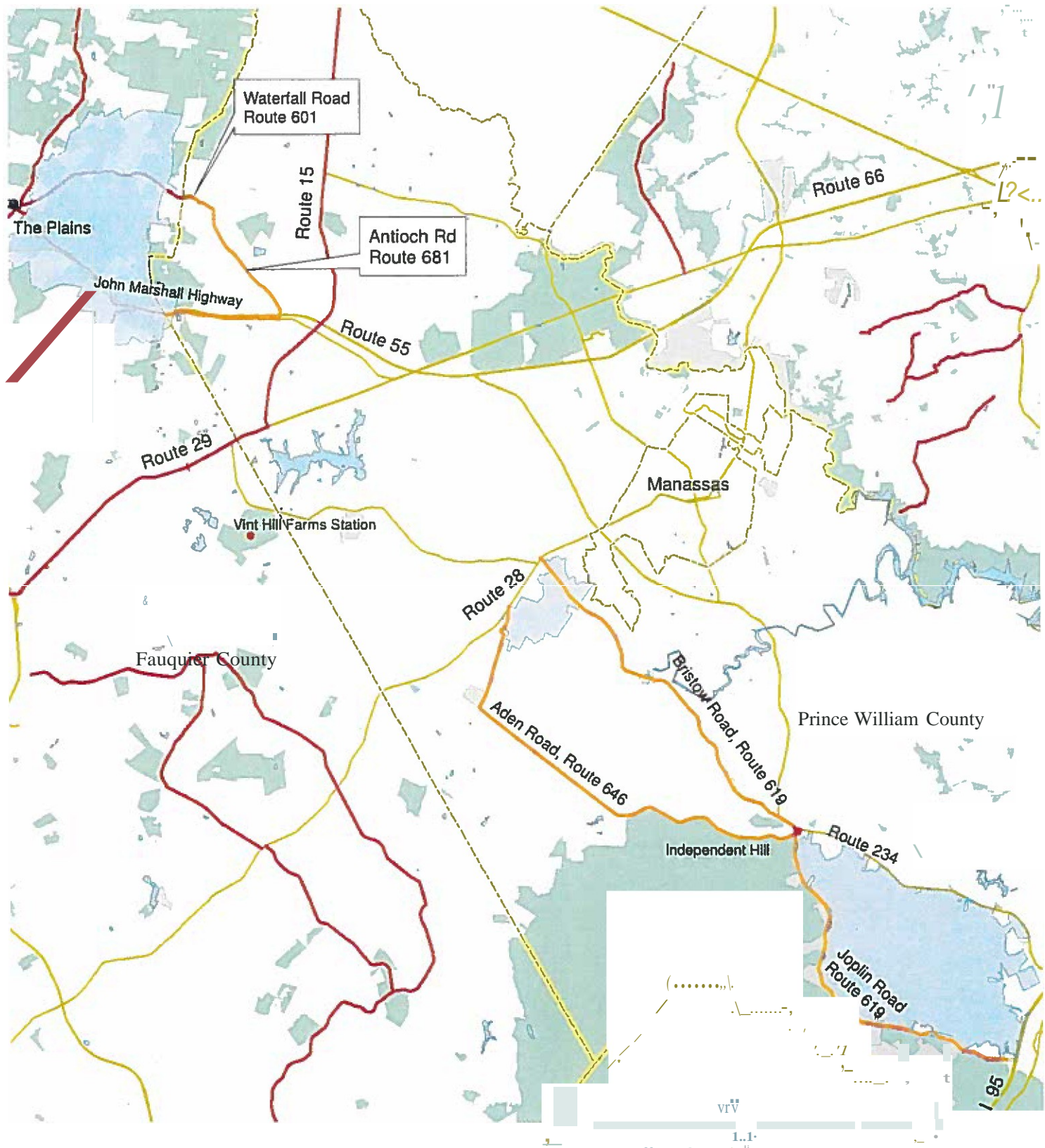
Action Required by the CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority vote of the CTB before the byway designation can be implemented. A resolution is provided for a formal vote.

Result, if Approved: Virginia Byway signs will be installed by VDOT, at each terminus and along Routes 601, 681, 55, 646 and 619, as appropriate.

Options: Approve, deny, or defer.

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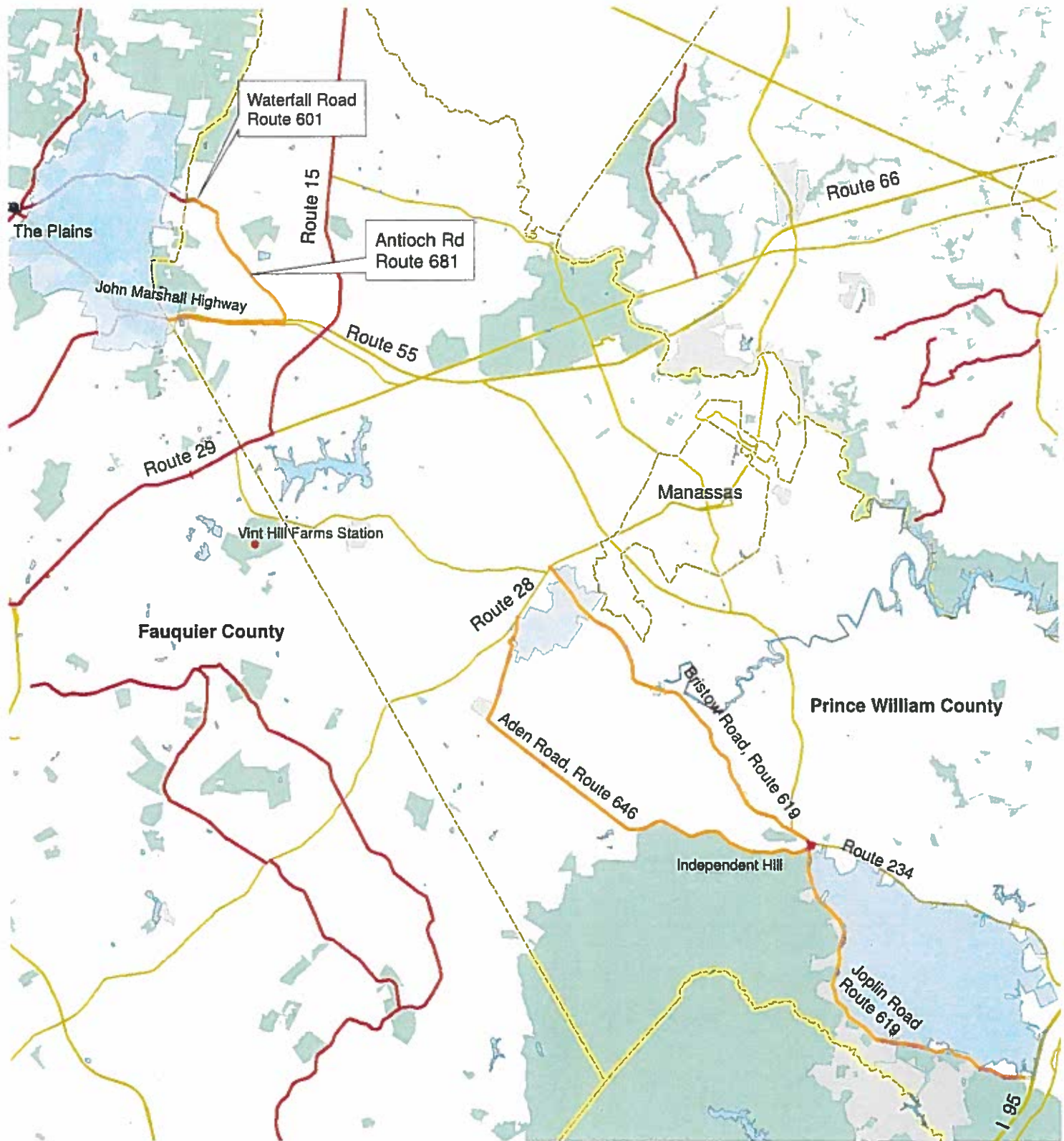
Public Comments/Reactions:



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