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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Williams
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

Title: Virginia Byway Designation – Route 80 – Dickenson, Buchanan and Russell Counties

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 Dickenson County, Buchanan County, and Russell County Boards of Supervisors, the staffs of DCR and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have reviewed and determined that the following route substantially meets the criteria as a Virginia Byway; and

- Route 80 – from Route 83 in the Town of Haysi to U.S. Route 19

WHEREAS, the DCR Director, on February 18, 2016, recommended to VDOT that the route herein described be designated as a Virginia Byway; and

WHEREAS, the procedures required by §33.2-405 have been followed and given that no request for a hearing on the matter was received, the views of the local governing bodies have been considered; and

WHEREAS, once designated as a Virginia Byway, it is the sense of the CTB that such designation should not limit roadway improvements or maintenance by VDOT, or prevent the

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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 Route 80 in Dickenson County, Buchanan County, and Russell County as herein described be designated as a Virginia Byway.

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 – Route 80 – Dickenson, Buchanan and Russell Counties

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 the designation of a highway as a Virginia Byway, typically, the governing body of a locality, by resolution, requests or indicates support of the designation of a road as a Virginia Byway and the agencies then review the request. Three localities, Dickenson County, Buchanan County and Russell County have indicated their support for designation of Route 80 as a Virginia Byway. CTB approval of this designation is sought.

Facts: The Dickenson County Board of Supervisors, at its December 17, 2013 meeting, adopted a resolution supporting the designation of Route 80 as a Virginia Byway. The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, at its September 14, 2015 meeting, adopted a resolution supporting the designation of Route 80 as a Virginia Byway. The Russell County Board of Supervisors, at its April 7, 2014 meeting, adopted a resolution supporting the designation of Route 80 as a Virginia Byway.

A review team comprised of staff from DCR and VDOT evaluated Route 80, in Dickenson, Buchanan, and Russell counties, from Route 83 in the Town of Haysi to U.S. Route 19. The team determined this segment of Route 80, as depicted on the attached Location Map, Proposed Virginia Byway Route 80, meets the adopted criteria for designation as a Virginia Byway. The road's scenic qualities and proximity to significant historical and recreational sites (Interstate Bike Route 76, Honaker Historic District, Clinch River Access at Blackford Bridge) provide justification for consideration of this designation. If approved, this designation will add 32.07 miles to the Virginia Byway system. Approximately 3,500 miles of roads are currently designated as Virginia Byways.

The Director of DCR, in February 18, 2016 correspondence to the Commissioner of Highways recommended designation of Route 80, in Dickenson, Buchanan, and Russell counties, from Route 83 in the Town of Haysi to U.S. Route 19 as a Virginia Byway.

Notice and an opportunity for a hearing were provided by VDOT in accordance with §33.2-405 and neither a request for a hearing, nor any comments from the public regarding the proposed designation were received.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends that the CTB approve the designation of Route 80, in Dickenson, Buchanan, and Russell counties, from Route 83 in the Town of Haysi to U.S. Route 19, as a Virginia Byway.

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: Route 80, from its intersection with Route 83 in the Town of Haysi southeastward to its intersection with U.S. Route 19, will be designated as a Virginia Byway.

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Virginia Byway signs will be installed by VDOT, at each terminus and along Route 80, as appropriate.

Options: Approve, deny, or defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: No comments from the public were received.

LOCATION MAP
PROPOSED VIRGINIA BYWAY
ROUTE 80
DICKENSON, BUCHANAN, AND RUSSELL COUNTIES
FROM: ROUTE 83 AT HAYSI
TO: U.S. ROUTE 19

