



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Item #18

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: “Veterans Memorial Highway”

WHEREAS, Wythe County and Bland County wish to honor the heroic services of Veterans of the United States Armed Forces for securing the freedoms celebrated in America and to remember the sacrifices made by the men and women that have served their Country; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Bland County has requested, by resolution dated May 27, 2018, and Wythe County has requested, by resolution dated June 29, 2018, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the lives and sacrifices of America’s Veterans, name U.S. Route 52, various road names, from the Wythe County/Carroll County line, through Wythe County, continuing through Bland County to the West Virginia State line as the “Veterans Memorial Highway”; 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, by resolution, Wythe County and Bland County have agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming in their respective Counties.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names U.S. Route 52, various road names, from the Wythe County/Carroll County line, through Wythe County, continuing through Bland County to the West Virginia State line as the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Bland County and Wythe County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief
Highway Naming: “Veterans Memorial Highway”

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the commemorative naming of U.S. Route 52, various road names, from the Wythe County/Carroll County line, through Wythe County, continuing through Bland County to the West Virginia State line as the “Veterans Memorial Highway”, requested by Wythe County and Bland County.

Facts: Bland County enacted a resolution on May 22, 2018 to call attention to the extreme sacrifices made by all men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have defended the freedom that Americans enjoy today. In addition, Wythe County also enacted a resolution on June 29, 2018 calling attention to the same sacrifices that achieved American freedom through the heroic service of Veterans.

These resolutions share the goal of naming the entire section of U.S. Route 52 in the Commonwealth of Virginia from the North Carolina border to the West Virginia line. The section of U.S. Route 52 from the North Carolina border through Carroll County was designated as “Veterans Memorial Highway” by the Commonwealth Transportation Board on February 21, 2018. These two resolutions will achieve that goal.

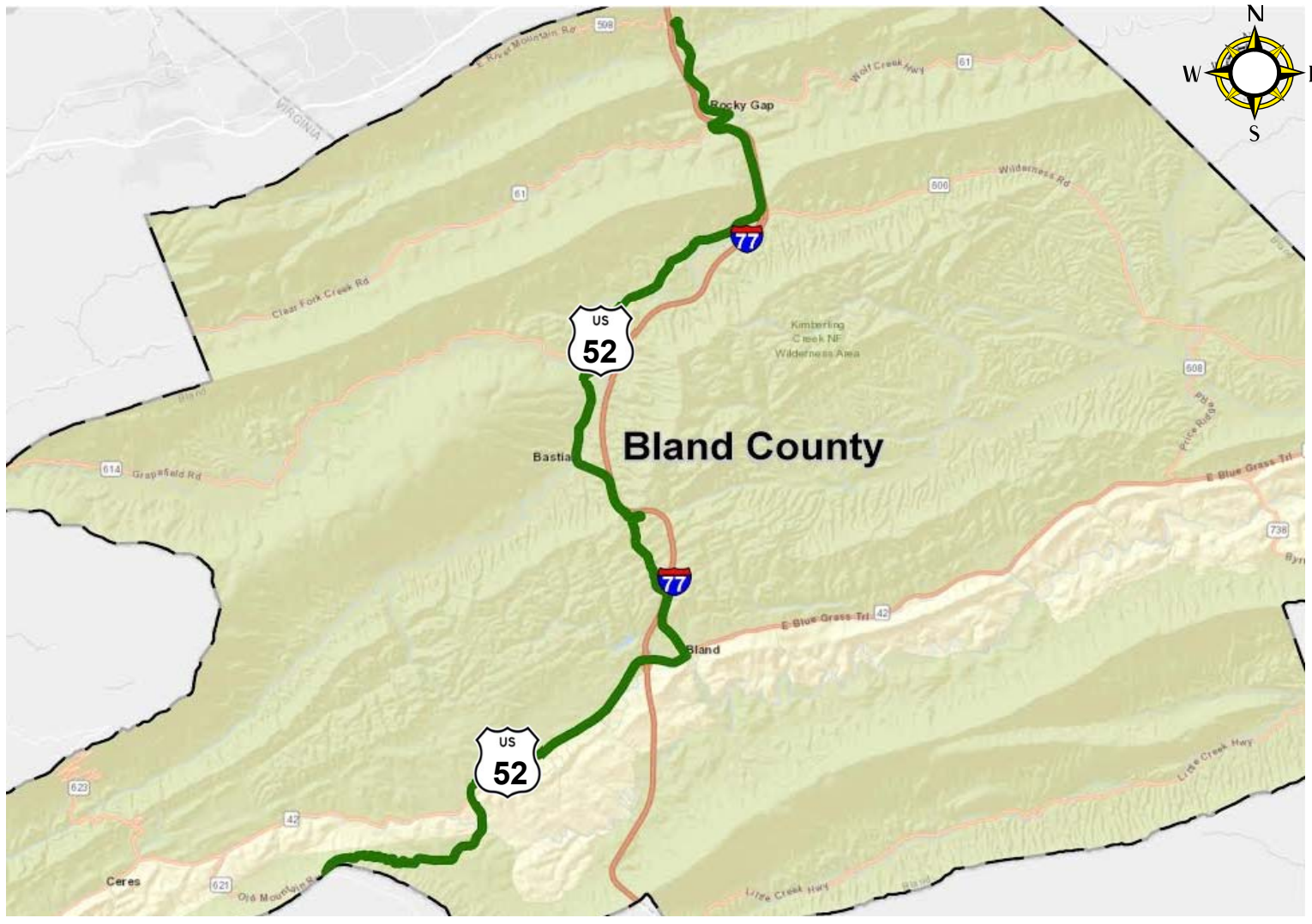
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

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: U.S. Route 52, various road names, from the Wythe County/Carroll County line, through Wythe County, continuing through Bland County to the West Virginia State line will be named as the “Veterans Memorial Highway”, as requested by Wythe County and Bland County. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Wythe County and Bland County agree to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs in their respective Counties calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.


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

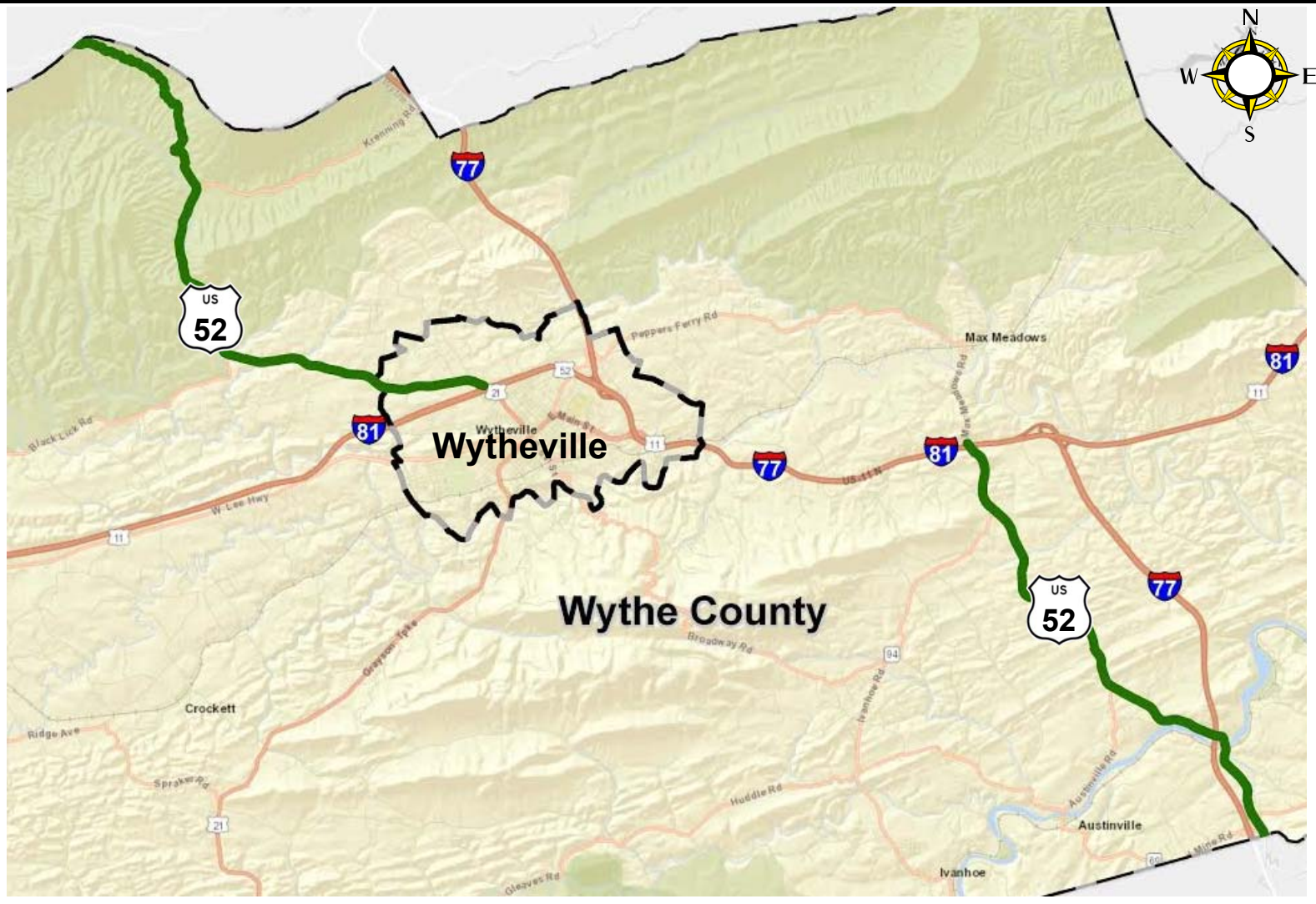


Maintenance Division

CTB MEETING: September 18, 2018

Route 52 in Bland County
Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
“Veterans Memorial Highway”


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 Proposed Highway Naming

County of Bland

Board of Supervisors



Commonwealth
of Virginia

RESOLUTION

Highway naming of U.S. Highway Route 52, from the Wythe County border in the south to the West Virginia border in the north in the County of Bland as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, as citizens of our great Nation, our Commonwealth, and this County, we have freedoms that have been achieved and secured through the heroic service of our Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County of Bland wish to call attention to the extreme sacrifices made by all men and women of the armed services who have defended the freedom that Americans enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of April, 2000 adopted the original resolution of support for naming U.S. Route 52, "Veterans Memorial Highway" and this resolution seeks to reaffirm support in the naming of U.S. Route 52 in honor of veterans; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Board of Supervisors that the localities of Carroll County and Wythe County are also adopting similar resolutions, with the goal of the entire stretch of U.S. Route 52 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, from the West Virginia border to the border with North Carolina, being named the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) 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; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Bland, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name U.S. Highway Route 52, from the Wythe County border in the south to the West Virginia border in the north in the County of Bland as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Bland agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Adopted by the Bland County Board of Supervisors, this 22nd day of May, 2018

ATTESTED BY:

Eric R. Workman, Ed. D., County Administrator/Clerk

K. Adam Kidd, Chairman



WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2018-12

***Highway naming of U.S. Highway Route 52,
from the Carroll County border in the south to the Bland County border
in the north in the County of Wythe as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".***

WHEREAS, as citizens of our great Nation, our Commonwealth, and this County, we have freedoms that have been achieved and secured through the heroic service of our Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County of Wythe wish to call attention to the extreme sacrifices made by all men and women of the armed services who have defended the freedom that Americans enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors on the 8th day of August, 2000, adopted the original resolution of support for naming U.S. Route 52, "Veterans Memorial Highway" and this resolution seeks to reaffirm support in the naming of U.S. Route 52 in honor of veterans; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Board of Supervisors that the localities of Carroll County and Bland County are also adopting similar resolutions, with the goal of the entire stretch of U.S. Route 52 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, from the West Virginia border to the border with North Carolina, being named the "Veterans Memorial Highway"; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Wythe, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name U.S. Highway Route 52, from the Carroll County border in the south to the Bland County border in the north in the County of Wythe as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".


AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Wythe agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Adopted by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, this 29th day of June, 2018.

COUNTY OF WYTHE


Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

Attest:


Martha G. Collins, Clerk