



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 6*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 15, 2020

#### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Rucker, Seconded By: Mr. Johnsen**  
**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge”**

**WHEREAS**, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the service and dedication of Robert H. Morecock to the Commonwealth and the transportation sector. Mr. Morecock was a Structure and Bridge Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Fredericksburg District for his last 26 years with the Department. During that time he was involved with the design, maintenance, inspection and construction supervision of many bridges including some in King and Queen County; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob moved to Mattaponi after retiring from VDOT when the consultant firm he was working for won the construction oversight contract for the new State Route 33 bridges over the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers. He and his wife moved to Mattaponi during this project where they remained until Bob’s passing on April 6, 2019. Bridges were a large part of Bob’s life and King and Queen County wishes to dedicate a bridge that he was involved with, in the county he last resided in, over the river he closely resided near, to recognize his service and dedication to the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated November 4, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service of Robert H. Morecock, name the bridge on U.S. Route 360, Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, over the Mattaponi River, King and Queen County as the “Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-213 provides that VDOT shall place and maintain appropriate signs

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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, King and Queen County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on U.S. Route 360, Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, over the Mattaponi River, King and Queen County as the "Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge"; 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 King and Queen County for these costs as required by law.

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Bridge Naming: “Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 360, Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, over the Mattaponi River, King and Queen County as the “Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** King and Queen County enacted a resolution on November 4, 2019 to honor the service and dedication to transportation in the Commonwealth of Mr. Robert H. Morecock. Mr. Morecock moved to King and Queen County in 2006 following a long career with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in their Fredericksburg District office. Bob was the Structure and Bridge Engineer for the Fredericksburg District for 26 years. During that time, he was involved with the design, maintenance, inspection and construction supervision of many bridges in King and Queen County.

Mr. Morecock moved to Mattaponi after retiring from VDOT when the consultant firm he was working for won the construction oversight contract for the new State Route 33 bridges over the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers. Due to the location of this project, Bob and his wife moved to Mattaponi and remained there until Bob’s passing on April 6, 2019.

Since bridges were a big part of Mr. Morecock’s life, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors would like to dedicate a bridge to his memory that he was involved with, in the county he last resided in, over the river he closely resided near.

**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 a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

**Result if Approved:** The bridge on U.S. Route 360, Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, over the Mattaponi River, King and Queen County will be named as the “Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, King and Queen County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

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



# ***King and Queen County***

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At a regular meeting of the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors held on November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen Courts and Administration Building General District Courtroom, the following resolution was adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

### **BRIDGE NAMING ON ROUTE 360, RICHMOND-TAPPAHANNOCK HIGHWAY OVER MATTAPONI RIVER IN KING AND QUEEN COUNTY AS THE “ROBERT H. MORECOCK MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

**WHEREAS**, Bob Morecock moved to the county in 2006 following a long career with VDOT in their Fredericksburg District office: Bob was the Structure and Bridge Engineer for the Fredericksburg District for his last 26 years with VDOT: During that time, he was involved with the design, maintenance, inspection, and construction supervision of many bridges in King and Queen County: He moved to Mattaponi after retiring from VDOT when the consultant firm he was working for won the construction oversight contract for the new State Route 33 bridges over the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers: Due to the length of time for construction, he and his wife moved from Fredericksburg to Mattaponi to drastically shorten his commute time to the job site where they remained until Bob’s passing April 6, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Bridges were a big part of Bob’s life and dedicating a bridge he was involved with, in the County he last resided in, over the river he closely resided near, would be a lasting memorial recognizing him for his service and dedication to the Commonwealth;

**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

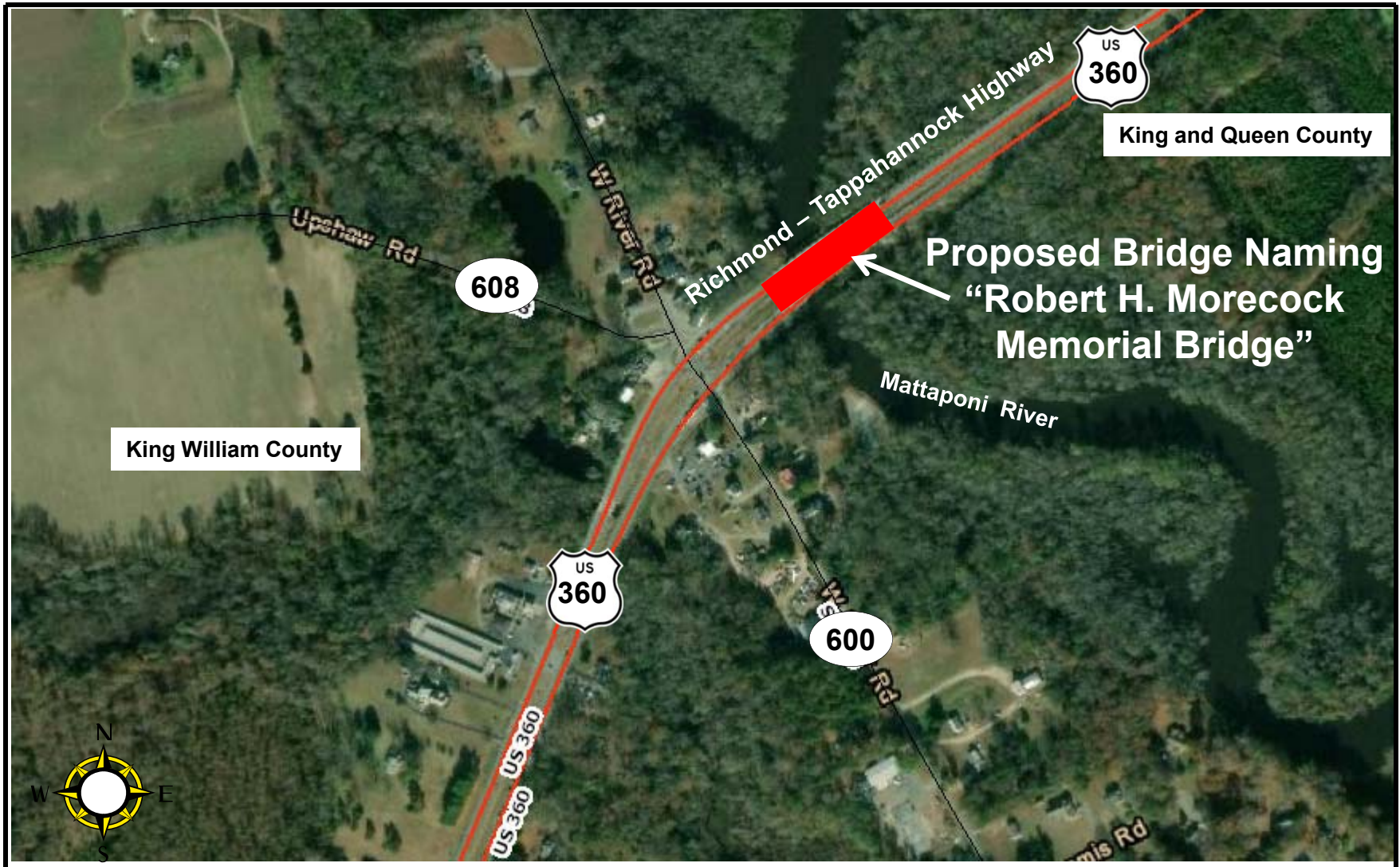
costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that King and Queen County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 360, Richmond-Tappahannock Highway over Mattaponi River in King and Queen County as the “Robert H. Morecock Memorial Bridge”;

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

AYES: R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. M. BURNS, SR., J. L. SIMPKINS, S. C. ALSOP, D. H. MORRIS  
NAYS: NONE

  
Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk of the Board



Maintenance Division  
CTB MEETING: January 15, 2020

King and Queen County  
Proposed Bridge Naming:  
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