



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 2*

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

**May 20, 2020**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Miller, Seconded By: Ms. DeTuncq**  
**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Discontinuance – Secondary System of State Highways** **Route 731 in Buchanan County**

**WHEREAS**, Route 731, located in Buchanan County, measuring approximately 0.10 of a mile, no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense rendering it eligible for discontinuance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia*, notice of the proposed discontinuance was published in The Virginia Mountaineer on February 6, 2020 and the Virginia Department of Transportation provided the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors as well as abutting landowners notice of the proposed discontinuance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit A, requesting the discontinuance the original roadway, described as Route 731 and measuring approximately 0.10 mi., as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia*, a section of the highway may be discontinued from the secondary state highway system by the Commonwealth Transportation Board if the highway is deemed to be not required for public convenience; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the discontinuance of the roadway segment identified below and as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto, as part of the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2-908, *Code of Virginia*, as the roadway is no longer necessary for the uses of the secondary state highway system and is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense.

**Secondary System of State Highways**

**Discontinuance**

Bristol District

Buchanan County

- Route 731

0.10 Mi.

**Total Mileage Discontinued from the Secondary System:**

**0.10 Mi.**

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Discontinuance - Secondary System of State Highways: Route 731 in Buchanan County

**Issue:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), with the support of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, proposes to discontinue Route 731 in Buchanan County, which is 0.10 of a mile in length. Pursuant to §33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia*, said discontinuance must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

**Facts:** Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined Route 731 should be discontinued as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways, pursuant to § 33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia*, as it no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense.

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors supports the Board's discontinuance of Route 731, from Route 680 (Contrary Creek Road) to the end of state maintenance.

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors supported, by resolution on March 3, 2020 (Exhibit A, attached), the discontinuance of Route 731 (road noted in "Yellow" on Exhibit B, attached).

In accordance with §33.2-908, notice of the discontinuance was published in The Virginia Mountaineer newspaper on February 6, 2020. Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and property owners with land abutting the section of roadway considered for discontinuance received notice via certified mail.

**Recommendation:** VDOT recommends the Board approve the discontinuance of Route 731 referenced above.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board's members to approve the proposed discontinuance. A resolution describing the proposed road to be discontinued is provided for the Board's consideration.

**Result if Approved:** If approved, VDOT will suspend all its maintenance activity on the roadway segment.

**Options:** Approve, Deny or Defer

**Public Comments/Reaction:** There were no public comments made at the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding this proposed discontinuance.

**Exhibit A**

**Board of Supervisors' Resolution**

The Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, in regular meeting on the 3rd day of March, 2020, adopted the following:

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF VDOT SECONDARY ROUTE 731**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation has notified the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors of its intent to discontinue Route 731 from Route 680 to Dead End, a distance of 0.10 miles, and

**WHEREAS**, the sketch, attached and incorporated herein as a part of this resolution, defines the adjustment required in the secondary system of state highways as a result of the discontinuance of Route 731, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this Board hereby concurs with and supports the Commonwealth Transportation Board's changes to the secondary system of state highways as identified on the attached sketch, pursuant to §33.2-908 of the Code of Virginia, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, this Board orders that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

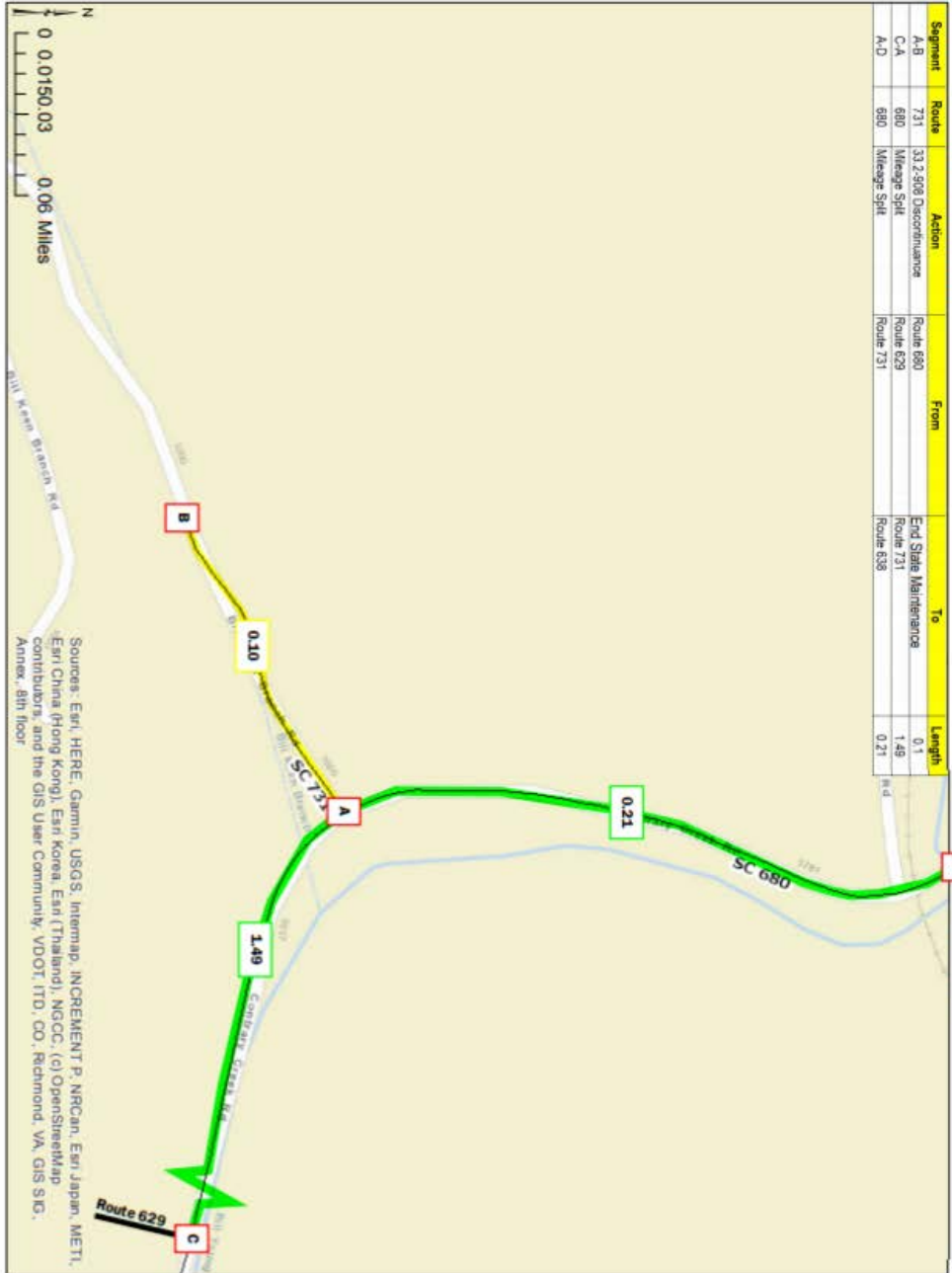
Recorded Vote  
Moved By: Tim Hess  
Seconded By: Drew Keene  
Yeas: 1  
Nays: 0

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Robert C. Horn  
Robert C. Horn, County Administrator

## Exhibit B Sketch of Proposed Road to be Discontinued

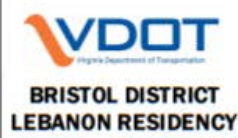
### Route 731 Discontinuance

Segment	Route	Action	From	To	Length
A-B	731	33.2-508 Discontinuance	Route 680	End State Maintenance	0.1
C-A	680	Mileage Split	Route 629	Route 731	1.49
A-D	680	Mileage Split	Route 731	Route 638	0.21




Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, VDOT, LTD, CO., Richmond, VA, GIS SIG, Annex, 8th floor

#### Notes



**BUCHANAN COUNTY (013)  
ROUTE 731 DISCONTINUANCE**

**Exhibit C**  
**Public Notice of Discontinuance**  
**Published in The Virginia Mountaineer on February 6, 2020**



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE**  
**ROUTE 731, BUCHANAN COUNTY**

Pursuant to §33.2-908.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation will consider discontinuance of Route 731 from Route 680 to Dead End, a distance of 0.10 mile(s).

Anyone wishing a public hearing be held by the Virginia Department of Transportation prior to its consideration of this proposed discontinuance should contact the VDOT Lebanon Residency office on or before **March 6, 2020** to request a public hearing.

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