



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item #5*

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

**April 21, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By:** Mr. Johnsen    **Seconded By:** Mr. Rucker

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass”**

**WHEREAS**, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the life and service of Philip M Daffin to his community and the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated February 17, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service of Philip M Daffin, name the bridge on U.S. Route 13, Lankford Highway, over Business U.S. Route 13, Accomack County as the “Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass”; and

**WHEREAS**, Accomack County, by its February 17, 2021 resolution, has agreed to pay the cost of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; 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.

**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 13, Lankford Highway, over Business U.S. Route 13, Accomack County as the “Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass”; and

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

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### Bridge Naming: "Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass"

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 13, Lankford Highway, over Business U.S. Route 13, Accomack County as the "Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass".

**Facts:** Accomack County enacted a resolution on February 17, 2021 to honor the life and service of Philip M Daffin to his community and the Commonwealth. Mr. Daffin, of Onley, Virginia, served the Virginia Department of Transportation faithfully for over 37 years at the Accomack Residency until his death on August 24, 1978.

Mr. Daffin's career began in 1940 and after 30 years, he was promoted to Residency Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Daffin lost his life while on the job due to a heart attack; however, it was not considered a job related death and for that reason his name is not authorized to be on the VDOT Memorial.

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors does recognize the service of Mr. Daffin and that his death occurred while he was faithfully serving the County. As a result, the County wishes to honor him with this overpass naming.

**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 13, Lankford Highway, over Business U.S. Route 13, Accomack County will be named as the "Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass". In accordance with law and by resolution, Accomack 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.

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### Resolution

#### **Bridge Naming on Route 13, Lankford Highway, over Business Route 13, in Accomack County as the Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass.**

**WHEREAS**, Philip M. Daffin served the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) faithfully for 37 plus years, at the Accomack Residency, until his death on August 24, 1978, at the age of 56; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Daffin successfully built his career beginning in 1940 and 30 years later, in 1970, was promoted to Residency Maintenance Supervisor;

**WHEREAS**, due to his promotion, Mr. Daffin was required to sell his home and move his family to Onley, VA as it was a requirement of his new position to live within 10 miles of the Residency; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Daffin lost his life while on the job due to a heart attack; however, it was not considered a job related death and for that reason, his name was not authorized to be on the VDOT Memorial located on Interstate 64, for employees who died while on the job between 1928 and 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the VDOT memorial honors state highway transportation workers who died performing their jobs. It is a place where family members, friends and colleagues can reflect on their loss and where the traveling public can become more aware of sacrifices made by state highway transportation workers.

**WHEREAS**, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors does recognize the service of Mr. Daffin and that his death occurred while he was faithfully serving the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board does see fit the request of Mr. Daffin's family to have a bridge within the County of Accomack named after Mr. Daffin to recognize his sacrifice; 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

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**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 Accomack 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 13, Lankford Highway, over Business Route 13, in Accomack County as the Philip M Daffin Memorial Overpass;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Accomack County agrees to pay the costs of fabrication, installation, and maintenance of the signs calling attention to this naming.

  
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Ron S. Wolff, Chair  
Accomack County Board of Supervisors

February 17, 2021  
Date

Accomack County



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