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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Miller **Seconded By:** Mr. Stinson

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways: Previously Discontinued Portion of Old Route 80 Located in Washington County

WHEREAS, upon reconstruction of Route 80 in Washington County in the 1970's, the State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, relocated a segment of an existing Primary system roadway to a new alignment, causing the previous segment to no longer provide a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission passed a resolution on April 19, 1979 discontinuing that previous segment of Route 80; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.2-902, *Code of Virginia 1950*, as amended, the Commissioner of Highways was provided with a petition from an interested landowner to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways a segment of Old Route 80, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, in Washington County. The road segment proposed to be abandoned is 0.16 of a mile and is

- (a) no longer necessary as a public road, and
- (b) no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of this segment of Old Route 80 from the Primary System of State Highways, as documented in the county resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, which represents the previously discontinued segment; and

WHEREAS, notice was posted of the intent to abandon such segment, attached hereto as Exhibit C, and such posting was done in accordance with § 33.2-902, and no requests were received for public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, a Primary roadway for which no public necessity exists may be abandoned by the Board, pursuant to § 33.2-902, *Code of Virginia* 1950, as amended

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the roadway segment identified below, and as depicted in Exhibit B, is hereby ordered abandoned as part of Primary system of state highways, pursuant to § 33.2-902, *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended.

Primary System of State Highways Abandonment

Bristol District

Washington County

- Old Route 80 – Segment A – B 0.16 Mi.

Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 0.16 Mi.

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CTB Decision Brief

Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways: Previously Discontinued Portion of Old Route 80 Located in Washington County

Issue: An interested landowner has requested the abandonment of a 0.16 mile segment of Old Route 80 in Washington County and the County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment and its approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

Facts: The State Highway Commission, predecessor to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, passed a resolution on April 19, 1979, discontinuing a portion of Old Route 80, upon the reconstruction of Route 80. The 0.16 mile segment currently being requested for abandonment is the roadway that was discontinued in 1979.

The Washington County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of the 0.16 mile segment of Old Route 80 (segment identified as “A – B” noted in “Blue” on Exhibit B, attached). The resolution from the County, dated August 10, 2021, is attached as Exhibit A.

Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined the 0.16 mile segment of Old Route 80 should be abandoned as a part of the Primary System of State Highways, pursuant to § 33.2-902 of the *Code of Virginia*, since no public necessity exists for the continuance of the segment as a public road.

Pursuant to and in accordance with § 33.2-902 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Virginia Department of Transportation published a “Notice of Proposed Road Abandonment” in the *Bristol Herald Courier* publication on July 10 and 23, 2021 (Exhibit C, attached). No request was received to hold the public hearing.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends the Board approve the abandonment of the 0.16 mile segment of Old Route 80 referenced above.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board’s members to approve the proposed abandonment. A resolution describing the proposed segment to be abandoned is provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: If approved, the segment of discontinued highway will no longer be available for use by the public.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reactions: A public hearing was not requested to be held.

Exhibit A
Washington County Resolution



COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA



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RESOLUTION 2021 - 20

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ABANDONMENT OF OLD
DISCONTINUED PORTION OF VIRGINIA PRIMARY ROUTE 80

WHEREAS, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) NOTIFIED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ITS INTENT TO ABANDON A SECTION OF OLD DISCONTINUED ROUTE 80 FROM 0.16 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 11 TO 0.32 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 11, A DISTANCE OF 0.16 MILE;

WHEREAS, THE SECTION OF OLD ROUTE 80 TO BE ABANDONED WAS DISCONTINUED FROM THE PRIMARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS ON APRIL 19, 1979 AS PART OF THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM CHANGES RESULTING FROM CONSTRUCTION OF VDOT PROJECT 0080-095-103, C501; AND

WHEREAS, THE SKETCH, ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION, DEFINES THE ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED IN THE PRIMARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS AS A RESULT OF THE ABANDONMENT OF SAID SECTION OF OLD ROUTE 80.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, THIS BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES TO SUPPORT THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD'S PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF OLD ROUTE 80 FROM THE PRIMARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS, AS IDENTIFIED ON THE ATTACHED SKETCH, PURSUANT TO §33.2-902 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AND

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, THIS BOARD DIRECTS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO FORWARD A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE RESIDENT ENGINEER FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

DONE THIS THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MR. McCALL: AYE
MR. PENNINGTON: AYE
MR. HARGIS: AYE
MR. STEVENS: AYE
MR. RUSH: AYE
MR. HERNANDEZ: AYE
MR. BALL: AYE

ATTESTED:


JASON N. BERRY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Exhibit B

Sketch of Proposed Segment to be Abandoned



BRISTOL DISTRICT
 ABINGDON RESIDENCY
 WASHINGTON COUNTY (095)

**SECTION 33.2-902
 ABANDONMENT OF
 PREVIOUSLY DISCONTINUED
 OLD ROUTE 80**

Segment A-B was previously discontinued from the Primary System of State Highways on April 19, 1979 as part of the highway system changes resulting from VDOT Project 0080-095-103, CS01.

This abandonment is at the request of the of the adjoining landowner to facilitate conveyance of the surplus right of way that will be created by the proposed abandonment. See Plans Sheets 3, 4 and 5 of Project 0080-095-103, CS01 for a more particular description.

SEGMENT A-B, OLD ROUTE 80
 FROM: 0.16 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 11
 TO: 0.32 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 11
 LENGTH: 0.16 MILE

LEGEND:
 33.2-902 ABANDONMENT ———
 EXISTING VDOT ROUTE



NOT TO SCALE

Drawn by John Bolling
 12/1/2011

Exhibit C
“Notice of Proposed Road Abandonment”

Published in the *Bristol Herald Courier*
July 10 and 23, 2021



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD ABANDONMENT
OLD LOCATION OF ROUTE 80

Pursuant to §33.2-902 Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation will consider abandonment of a previously discontinued section of old Route 80 from 0.16 mile north of Route 11 (Lee Hwy.) to 0.32 mile north of Route 11, a distance of 0.16 mile(s). Anyone wishing a public hearing be held by the Virginia Department of Transportation prior to its consideration of this proposed abandonment should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation on or before August 10, 2021 to request a public hearing.

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