



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda Item # 8*

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

**September 15, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Brown Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz  
Action: Motion carried, unanimously**

#### **Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of U. S. Route 1 to “Route 1” in Chesterfield County**

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield County requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the entire portion of U.S. Route 1 within Chesterfield County from “Jefferson Davis Highway” to “Route 1”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors seeks to rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 within the borders of Chesterfield County; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, by resolution dated June 23, 2021, Chesterfield County has expressed its intent and requested that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1, (Jefferson Davis Highway), located within the boundaries of Chesterfield County, to “Route 1”; 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**, Chesterfield County, in a Board of Supervisors resolution dated June 23, 2021, and by letter dated August 16, 2021 has agreed that § 33.2-213 requires Chesterfield County to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby renames the entire portion of U.S. Route 1 located within the boundaries of Chesterfield County, to "Route 1".

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

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Highway Naming: Renaming U.S. Route 1 to “Route 1” in Chesterfield County

**Issue:** Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the renaming of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, within the boundaries of Chesterfield County, to “Route 1”, as requested by Chesterfield County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Facts:** The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on June 23, 2021 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 1 designated as Jefferson Davis Highway within Chesterfield County to “Route 1”.

Pursuant to § 33.2-213, the CTB has the power and duty 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, provided that, in a case such as this, the governing body within which the portion of the facility is located has passed a resolution requesting such naming. Pursuant to the statute, 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, while the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

**Recommendations:** 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:** The entire portion of U.S. Route 1, Jefferson Davis Highway, that is within Chesterfield County, will be renamed to “Route 1”, as requested by Chesterfield County. Chesterfield County, in a Board of Supervisors resolution dated June 23, 2021, and in a letter dated August 16, 2021, has agreed that § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* requires Chesterfield County 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.



**Chesterfield County, Virginia**  
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Jesse W. Smith, P.E.  
Deputy County Administrator

August 16, 2021

Ms. Rebecca Worley, P.E.  
Chesterfield Resident Engineer  
Virginia Department of Transportation

**Re: Route 1 Renaming – Chesterfield County**

Dear Rebecca:

As it pertains to the county's request to rename Jefferson Davis Highway, Chesterfield County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs related to the highway naming, as applicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse W. Smith".

Jesse W. Smith, P.E.  
Deputy County Administrator  
Chesterfield County

JWS/nab

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held in the Public Meeting Room at the Chesterfield Administration Building on June 23, 2021 at 6 p.m.

\*12.B.1.g. RESOLUTION REQUESTING COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO CHANGE THE NAME OF JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY LOCATED IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY TO ROUTE 1

On motion of Ms. Haley, seconded by Mr. Ingle, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2021, the Virginia House of Delegates voted to rename all remaining portions of Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia to "Emancipation Highway" beginning on January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the bill was approved by the State Senate on February 25, 2021 and signed into law by Governor Ralph Northam; 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 and placing such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chesterfield County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB rename the portion of Jefferson Davis Highway that lies within the boundaries of the County "Route 1".

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chesterfield County will assume the costs for the fabrication and installation of the signs for this naming.

Ayes: Holland, Winslow, Ingle, Carroll and Haley.

Nays: None.

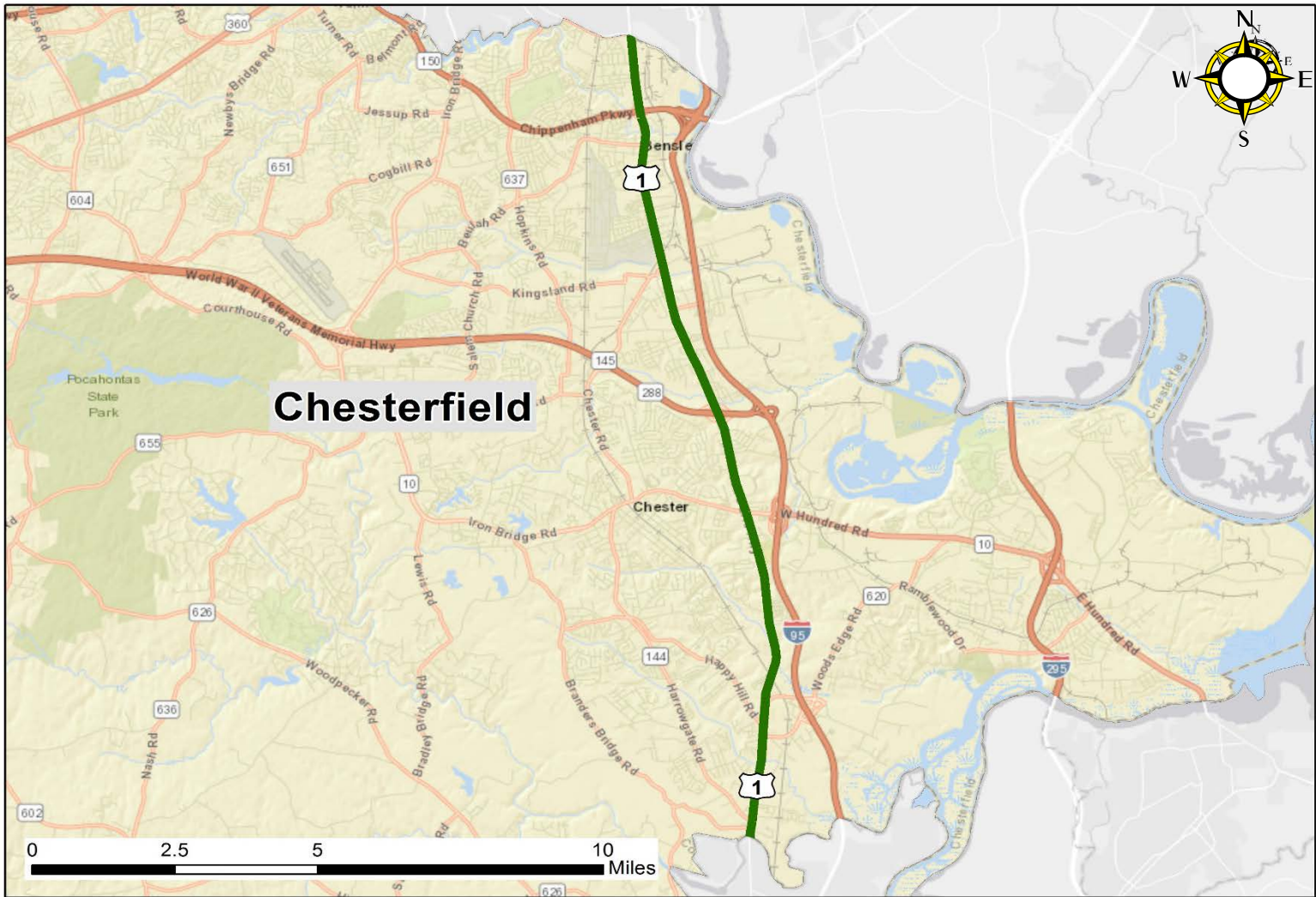
Certified By:



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Susan M. Wilson  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of  
Supervisors

**\*DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
ON JULY 28, 2021.**



Chesterfield County

Proposed Highway Segment Naming:  
**“ROUTE 1”**

 Proposed Highway Naming