



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 15, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes **Seconded By:** Mr. Williams
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Discontinuance – Secondary System of State Highways Route 743 in Russell County

WHEREAS, a portion of Route 743, located in Russell County, measuring approximately 0.20 of a mile, is no longer necessary for the uses of the Secondary state highway system, and therefore no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense, rendering it eligible for discontinuance; and

WHEREAS, the Russell County Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit A, supporting the discontinuance described as the 0.20 mile length of Route 743, 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 highway may be discontinued from the Secondary state highway system by the Commissioner of Highways, with the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, if the highway is deemed to be no longer necessary for the uses of the Secondary state highway system when a part of the highway no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense; and

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

Russell County

- Route 743

0.20 Mi.

Total Mileage Discontinued from the Secondary System:

0.20 Mi.

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CTB Decision Brief

Discontinuance - Secondary System of State Highways: Route 743 in Russell County

Issue: The Russell County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution which supports the discontinuance of a portion Route 743 in Russell County that is 0.20 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 that the 0.20 mile portion of Route 743 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 Russell County Board of Supervisors supported, by resolution on January 3, 2022 (Exhibit A, attached), the discontinuance of the 0.20 mile portion of Route 743 (road noted in “Yellow” on Exhibit B, attached).

In accordance with §33.2-908, notice of the discontinuance was published in the *Lebanon News* newspaper on November 24, 2021 (Exhibit C, attached). The Russell 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 the 0.20 mile portion of Route 743 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 of its maintenance activity on the roadway segment.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reaction: There were no public comments made at the Russell County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding this proposed discontinuance and there were no requests for a public hearing.

Exhibit A
Russell County Resolution

Russell County Virginia
"The Heart of Southwest Virginia"

Tim Lovelace
District 1

Carl Rhea
District 3

David Eaton
District 4

Lou Ann Wallace, Chairperson
District 2

Oris Christian, Vice-Chairman
At-Large

Steve Breeding
District 5

Rebecca Dye
District 6

Lonzo Lester
County Administrator

The Board of Supervisors of Russell County, in regular meeting on the 3rd day of January 2022, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF ROUTE 743

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has notified the Russell County Board of Supervisors of its intent to discontinue a section of Route 743 from 2.35 miles west of Route 650 to 2.15 miles west of Route 650, a distance of 0.20 miles, and;

WHEREAS, the sketch, attached and incorporated herein as a part of this resolution, defines the adjustments required in the secondary system of state highways as a result of the discontinuance of Route 743, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board hereby concurs with and supports the Commonwealth Transportation Board's discontinuance of Segment A-B from the secondary system of state highways, as identified on the attached sketch, pursuant to §33.2-908.B 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: Steve

Seconded By: Carl

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Copy Teste:

Lou Ann Wallace

Lou Ann Wallace, Chairperson

Exhibit B

Sketch of Proposed Road Segment to be Discontinued

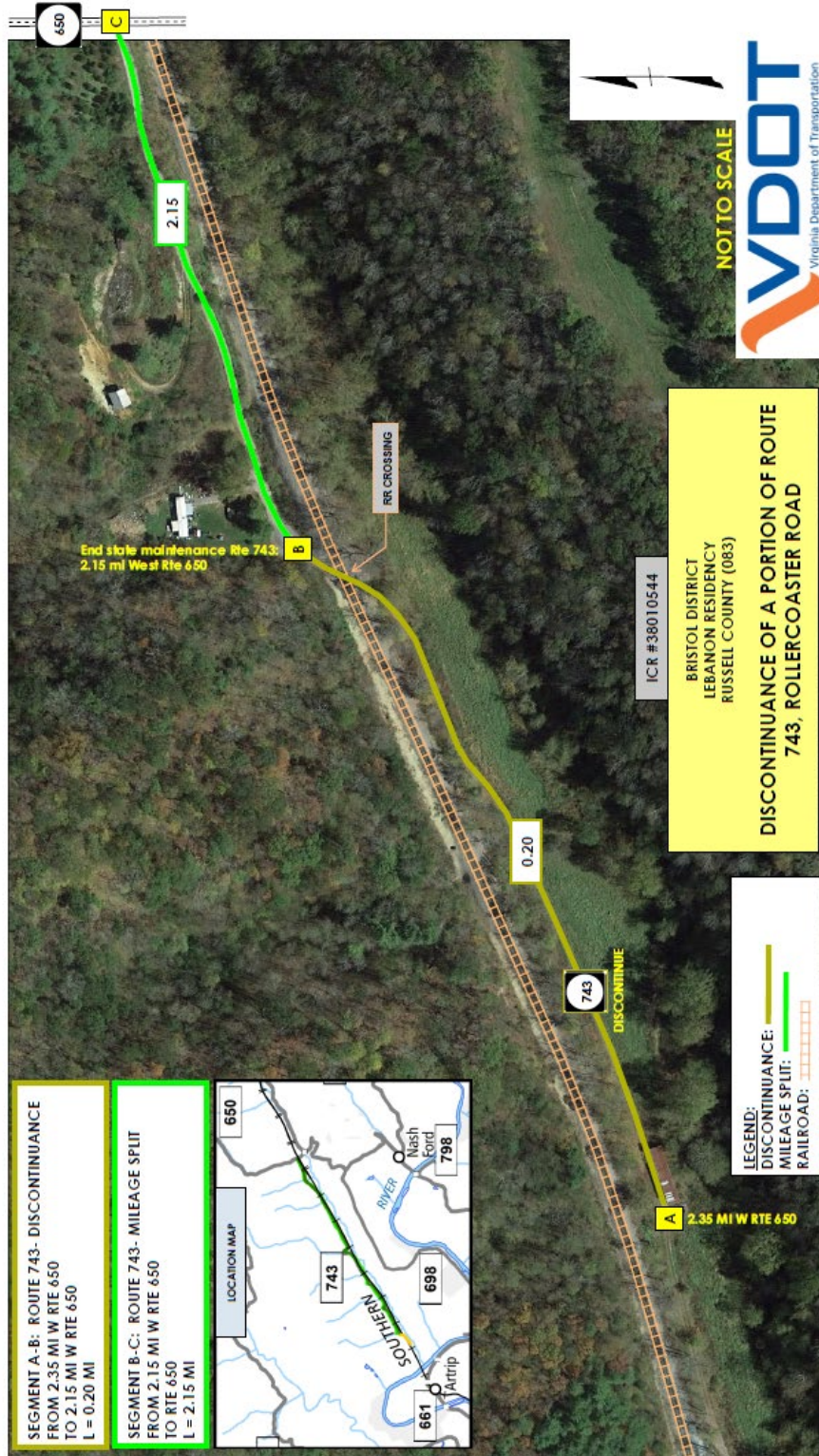



Exhibit C

Public Notice of Discontinuance Published in the *Lebanon News* on November 24, 2021



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD
DISCONTINUANCE
ROUTE 743, ROLLER COASTER RD**

Pursuant to §33.2-908 Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will consider discontinuance of Route 743 (Roller Coaster Rd) from 2.35 miles west of Route 650 (Breezers Branch Rd) to 2.15 miles west of Route 650, a distance of 0.20 mile. This matter is being considered by VDOT because the road does not provide sufficient public service to warrant continued maintenance at public expense. Discontinuance is an act of the Commonwealth Transportation Board that relieves VDOT of the maintenance and regulatory authority for a roadway due to insufficient public service. Additional materials related to the proposed discontinuance can be obtained by contacting the VDOT Lebanon Residency at:

Virginia Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 127 (1067 Fincastle Rd)
Lebanon, VA 24266