



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 15, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes **Seconded By:** Mr. Rucker

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

**Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of U.S. Route 7 (Harry Byrd Highway) to
“Leesburg Pike” in Loudoun County**

WHEREAS, Loudoun County seeks to and has requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the portion of U.S. Route 7, Harry Byrd Highway, located within Loudoun County from “Harry Byrd Highway” to “Leesburg Pike”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, by resolution dated December 7, 2021, Loudoun County, through its Board of Supervisors, has expressed its intent and requested that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 7, Harry Byrd Highway, located within the boundaries of Loudoun County, to “Leesburg Pike”; 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, Loudoun County, in their resolution of December 7, 2021, has agreed, pursuant to § 33.2-213, 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 portion of U.S. Route 7, that is within the boundaries of Loudoun County, from “Harry Byrd Highway” to “Leesburg Pike”.

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 Loudoun County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of U.S. Route 7, Harry Byrd Highway, to “Leesburg Pike” in Loudoun County

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the renaming of a portion of U.S. Route 7, located within the boundaries of Loudoun County, from “Harry Byrd Highway” to “Leesburg Pike”, as requested by Loudoun County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Facts: The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 7, 2021 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 7 located within Loudoun County to “Leesburg Pike”.

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 portion of U.S. Route 7, Harry Byrd Highway, within the boundaries of Loudoun County, will be renamed to “Leesburg Pike”, as requested by Loudoun County. Loudoun County, in their December 7, 2021 resolution, has agreed to bear 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF LOUDOUN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**RESOLUTION TO RENAME HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY (ROUTE 7)
WITHIN LOUDOUN COUNTY TO LEESBURG PIKE**

WHEREAS, Loudoun County requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the portion of U.S. Route 7 located within Loudoun County from Harry Byrd Highway to Leesburg Pike; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 7 is currently named Harry Byrd Highway in Virginia from the Clarke County boundary to the western boundary of Fairfax County, as it runs through Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors seeks to rename the portion of U.S. Route 7 located within Loudoun County to Leesburg Pike and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors expressed its intent to rename U.S. Route 7 within Loudoun County with the issuance of directives in December 2020 and May of 2021; and

WHEREAS, in response to the directives, County staff have identified the necessary policies and procedures to successfully implement the renaming of Route 7 within Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Board conducted two public outreach campaigns, held two public information meetings, and offered the opportunity for public input at two Board of Supervisors Business Meetings.

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Loudoun County has requested, by resolution dated December 7, 2021, that the CTB rename the portion of U.S. Route 7, Harry Byrd Highway, located within the boundaries of Loudoun County, to "Leesburg Pike"; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia 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, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, in its resolution dated December 7, 2021, confirmed that Loudoun County agrees to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and that the change be implemented on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by VDOT and Loudoun County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Loudoun County does hereby request that the CTB rename U.S. Route 7, Harry Byrd Highway, that is within the boundaries of Loudoun County from the Clarke County boundary to the western boundary of Fairfax County, to "Leesburg Pike".

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 secure payment from Loudoun County for these costs as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to implement the naming in coordination with Loudoun County on a schedule and in a manner agreed upon by VDOT and Loudoun County.

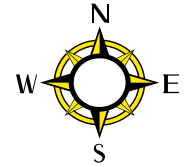
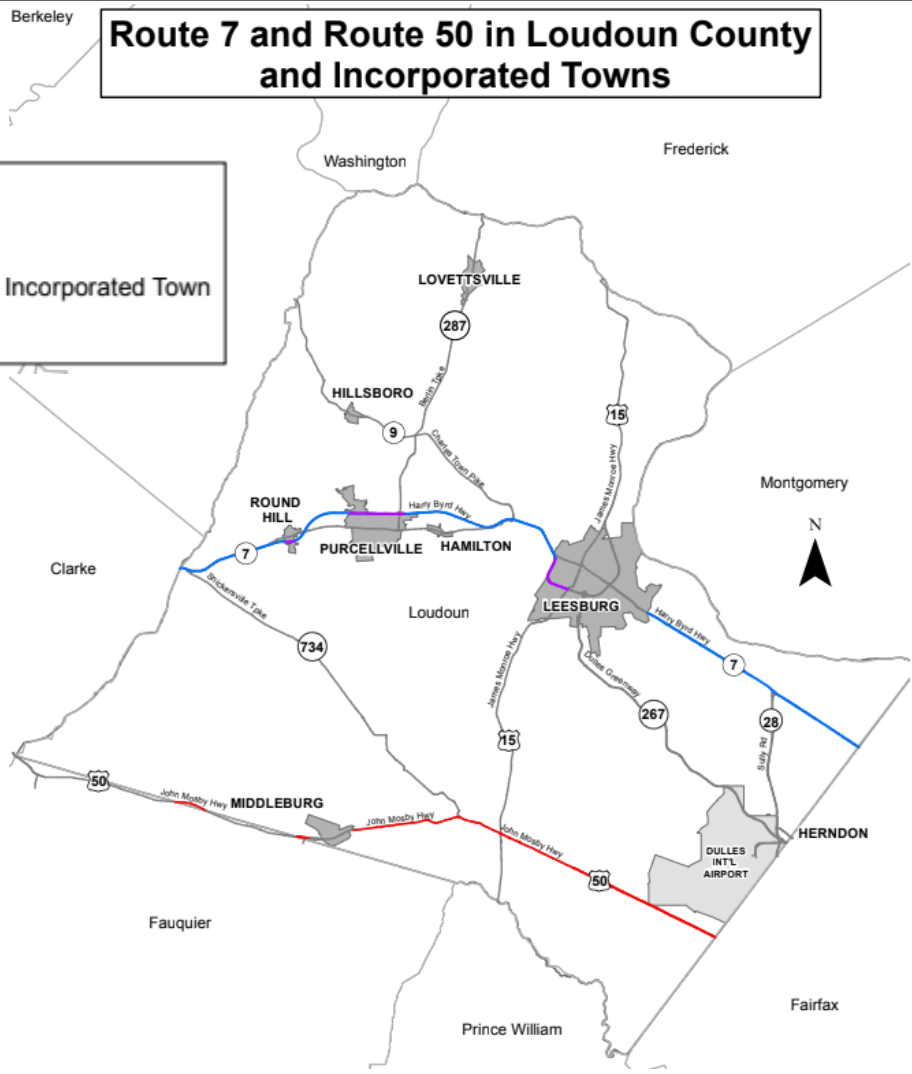
APPROVED this 7 day of December, 2021.

By: Phyllis J. Randall
Phyllis J. Randall, Chair, At-Large

By: Tim Hemstreet Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator

Route 7 and Route 50 in Loudoun County and Incorporated Towns

- John Mosby Highway
- Harry Byrd Highway
- Harry Byrd Highway within an Incorporated Town
- Major Roads



Maintenance Division

CTB Meeting: February 15, 2022

Loudoun County
 Proposed Highway Segment Naming:
 U.S. Route 7
 Leesburg Pike