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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item #4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 12, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of State Route 309 (Old Lee Highway) to "Cherry Hill Road" in Arlington County

WHEREAS, Arlington County seeks to and has requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) rename the portion of State Route 309 from North Quincy Street to U. S. Route 29, Arlington County, from "Old Lee Highway" to "Cherry Hill Road"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, by resolution dated October 19, 2021, Arlington County, through its Board of Supervisors, has expressed its intent and requested that the CTB rename the portion of State Route 309, (Old Lee Highway), from North Quincy Street to U. S. Route 29, located within the boundaries of Arlington County, to "Cherry Hill Road"; 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, Arlington County, in their resolution of October 19, 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 State Route 309, from North Quincy Street to U. S. Route 29, located within Arlington County, from “Old Lee Highway” to “Cherry Hill Road”.

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 Arlington County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: Renaming Portion of State Route 309, Old Lee Highway, to “Cherry Hill Road” in Arlington County

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the renaming of a portion of State Route 309, from North Quincy Street to U. S. Route 29, within the boundaries of Arlington County, from “Old Lee Highway” to “Cherry Hill Road”, as requested by Arlington County, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Facts: The Arlington County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on October 19, 2021 requesting that the CTB rename the portion of State Route 309 from North Quincy Street to U. S. Route 29 within Arlington County to “Cherry Hill Road”.

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 State Route 309, Old Lee Highway, from North Quincy Street to U. S. Route 29 within Arlington County, will be renamed to “Cherry Hill Road”, as requested by Arlington County. Arlington County, in their October 19, 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.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THAT PORTION OF S.R. 309, ALSO REFERRED TO AS “LEE HIGHWAY,” OR “OLD LEE HIGHWAY,” TO “CHERRY HILL ROAD” FROM N. QUINCY STREET TO U.S. ROUTE 29

Adopted by the Arlington County Board on October 19, 2021

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board has long expressed its interest in renaming all portions of “Lee Highway;” and

WHEREAS, State Route (S.R.) 309 from N. Quincy Street to U.S. Route 29 is currently designated as “Lee Highway” or “Old Lee Highway;” and

WHEREAS, after considerable community feedback and engagement led by the Langston Boulevard Alliance (LBA) and through enabling authority pursuant to the Governor’s adoption of HB1854, the County Board on July 17, 2021 voted to officially rename U.S. Route 29 to Langston Boulevard within the boundaries of Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, since July 17, 2021, the Langston Boulevard Alliance has undertaken engagement efforts with the public to solicit input and feedback to provide recommended names for S.R. 309 from N. Quincy Street to U.S. Route 29 to be considered by the Arlington County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board seeks to change the name of S.R. 309 to avoid confusion and to promote a welcoming, inclusive community through its use of names and symbols; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board 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 Commonwealth Transportation Board, 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 the Arlington County Board, in accordance with 33.2–213, hereby requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to rename the portion of S.R. 309 from N. Quincy Street to U.S. Route 29 to Cherry Hill Road effective upon approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Board agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

