



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 1*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 20, 2022

#### MOTION

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

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

#### Title: Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §33.2-902, *Code of Virginia 1950*, as amended, the Commissioner of Highways was provided with a request to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways Route 392, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, in Carroll County. This matter is being considered at the request of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, which recently decommissioned this facility and sold the property. That agency's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The road's total length is 1.05 miles 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 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) posted notice, attached hereto as Exhibit C, of the intent to abandon such segment on behalf of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board), such posting was done in accordance with § 33.2-902, and the requested public hearing on the matter was held on June 14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a Primary highway that is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense 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, 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**

Salem District

Carroll County

- Route 392 1.05 Mi.

**Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 1.05 Mi.**

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Abandonment of Route 392 Located in Carroll County

**Issue:** The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has requested the abandonment of Route 392 in Carroll County and requests the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

**Facts:** Route 392 in Carroll County, a distance of 1.05 miles, served the Southwestern Virginia Training Center which has been decommissioned and is no longer necessary as a public road. This matter is being considered at the request of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, request attached as Exhibit A, as the agency's facility has been decommissioned and the property has been sold.

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has submitted a letter of request related to the 1.05 miles abandonment of Route 392 (segment identified in "Blue" on Exhibit B, attached).

Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined the 1.05 miles road 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*, VDOT published a "Public Hearing Notice" in the *Carroll News* publication on May 11 and 18, 2022 (Exhibit C, attached). The public hearing on the matter was held on June 14, 2022 at the VDOT Hillsville Residency Office.

**Recommendations:** VDOT recommends the Commonwealth Transportation Board approve the abandonment of Route 392 referenced above.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board's members to approve the change proposed in this brief within four months of the end of the 30-day period after publication of the notice of intent to abandon. A resolution describing the proposed segment to be abandoned is provided for the Board's consideration.

**Result if Approved:** If approved, VDOT will suspend all its maintenance activity on the roadway segment and that segment will cease to be a road available to public use.

**Options:** Approve or Deny

**Public Comments/Reactions:** The public hearing on the matter was held on June 14, 2022 at the VDOT Hillsville Residency Office. One person spoke at this public hearing. This speaker was Lisa Hatcher of the Life Center of Galax, which is the rehabilitation company which purchased the parcel from the state. Ms. Hatcher spoke in favor of the abandonment.

Exhibit A

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
Letter of Request dated February 1, 2022



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February 1, 2022

Mr. Ken King  
District Engineer  
731 Harrison Avenue  
Salem, Virginia 24153

RE: Southwestern Virginia Training Center – Abandonment of Route 392

Dear Mr. King:

In my capacity as Director of the Office of Architectural and Engineering Services and on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the agency requests the abandonment of Route 392, known as Harrison Circle, located on the grounds of the Southwestern Virginia Training Center in Carroll County. This abandonment is being requested with relation to the sale of the Center's property which has closed and is in the process of being sold as authorized by the 2021 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 552. Item 320 AA.

This abandonment is being requested pursuant to §33.2-902 and is shown on the attached exhibit. It is my understanding that the public notification process for this abandonment was completed as required by §33.2-902.

If you have any questions related to this proposed abandonment, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret Jones".

Margaret Jones  
Director of Architectural and Engineering Services

Cc: Lisa Hughes, VDOT Resident Engineer

**Exhibit B**

**Sketch of Proposed Abandonment  
Carroll County – 1.05 Miles Length of Route 392**

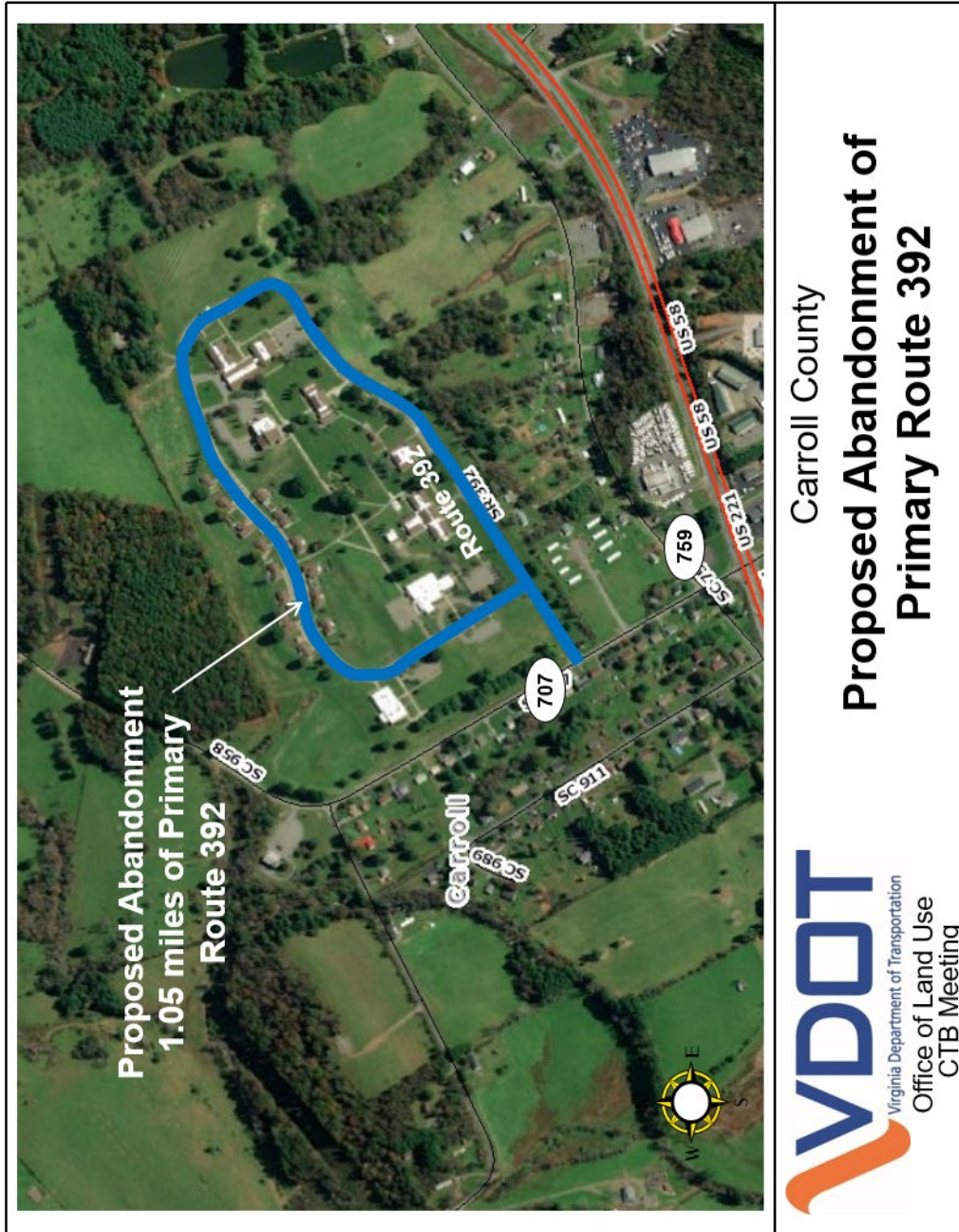


Exhibit C

“Public Hearing Notice”  
Published in the *Carroll News*  
May 11 and 18, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**ROADWAY ABANDONMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

**CARROLL COUNTY**

**ROUTE 392, Harrison Circle**

**From (SW): Route Offset 0.000 (Intersection Route 707, Training Center Road)**

**To (NE): Route Offset 1.009 (1.05 Miles North Route 707 Training Center Road)**

**1.05 mile**

**14 June 2022**

**From 6:00 PM to 7:00PM**

**Hillsville Residency Office**

**239 Virginia Street**

**Hillsville, Va.**

The *Virginia Department of Transportation* intends to abandon the section of Route 392 described above. This matter is being considered upon request of *The Office of Architectural and Engineering Services* and on behalf of *The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services*.

Citizens interested in giving written or oral comments may do so at the public hearing. VDOT staff will be available to discuss information regarding the proposed abandonment. Please contact the *Virginia Department of Transportation* with any questions at:

***Charles D. Ledford, PE***  
***239 Virginia Street***  
***Hillsville, VA***  
***PO Box 188***  
***276-266-1449***

This matter is being considered by the *Virginia Department of Transportation* in accordance with §33.2-902 Code of Virginia.

***In the event of a weather or other emergency the alternate date for this meeting will be 23 June 2022 at the same location.***