



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 21, 2022

MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Merrill Seconded By: Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion carried, unanimously**

Title: Bridge Naming: “Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Warren County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated May 3, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor the life and service to his country of Major General Dr. Joseph Warren, rename the bridge on overlapping U.S. Routes 340 and 522, North Shenandoah Avenue, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Warren County, as the “Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, at the request of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, named this same bridge the “Veterans Memorial Bridge” on July 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Warren County, by resolution dated May 3, 2022 has agreed to pay the cost of producing, placing and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; 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.

Resolution of the Board

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby renames the bridge on overlapping U.S. Routes 340 and 522, North Shenandoah Avenue, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Warren County, as the "Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans' Memorial Bridge".

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative renaming of the bridge on overlapping U.S. Routes 340 and 522, North Shenandoah Avenue, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Warren County as the “Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Warren County enacted a resolution on May 3, 2022 to honor the life and service to his country of Major General Dr. Joseph Warren.

According to that resolution, Warren County is named for Dr. Warren who was a founding father of the United States. He was martyred at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775 by British Forces seeking to silence his voice advocating American independence.

Warren County recognizes Dr. Warren’s role as a Founding Father by adopting his name and the lowering of county flags on his birthday of June 11 each year. Additionally, the Warren County Board of Education has erected historic plaques in each of the county’s schools to educate the youth as to the history of Dr. Joseph Warren.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* 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 Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on overlapping U.S. Routes 340 and 522, North Shenandoah Avenue, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Warren County will be known as the “Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, Warren County agrees 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.

RESOLUTION



***of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County Naming the Route 340/522
Bridge over the South Fork of the Shenandoah Bridge in Warren County as the
“Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”***

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is named for Major General Dr. Joseph Warren, a Founding Father of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren was martyred at the Battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775, by British Forces seeking to silence his voice advocating American Independence; and

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes Dr. Warren’s role as a Founding Father by adopting his name and the lowering of county flags on his birthday, June 11th; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Education has erected historic plaques in each of our schools educating our youth as to the history of Dr. Joseph Warren; and

WHEREAS, Warren County strongly supports the efforts and sacrifices made by all men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and recognizes the unselfish dedication and determination demonstrated by these brave patriots; 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, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Warren County, Virginia, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 340/522 over the South Fork of the Shenandoah River in Warren County as the “Major General Dr. Joseph Warren Veterans’ Memorial Bridge”; and

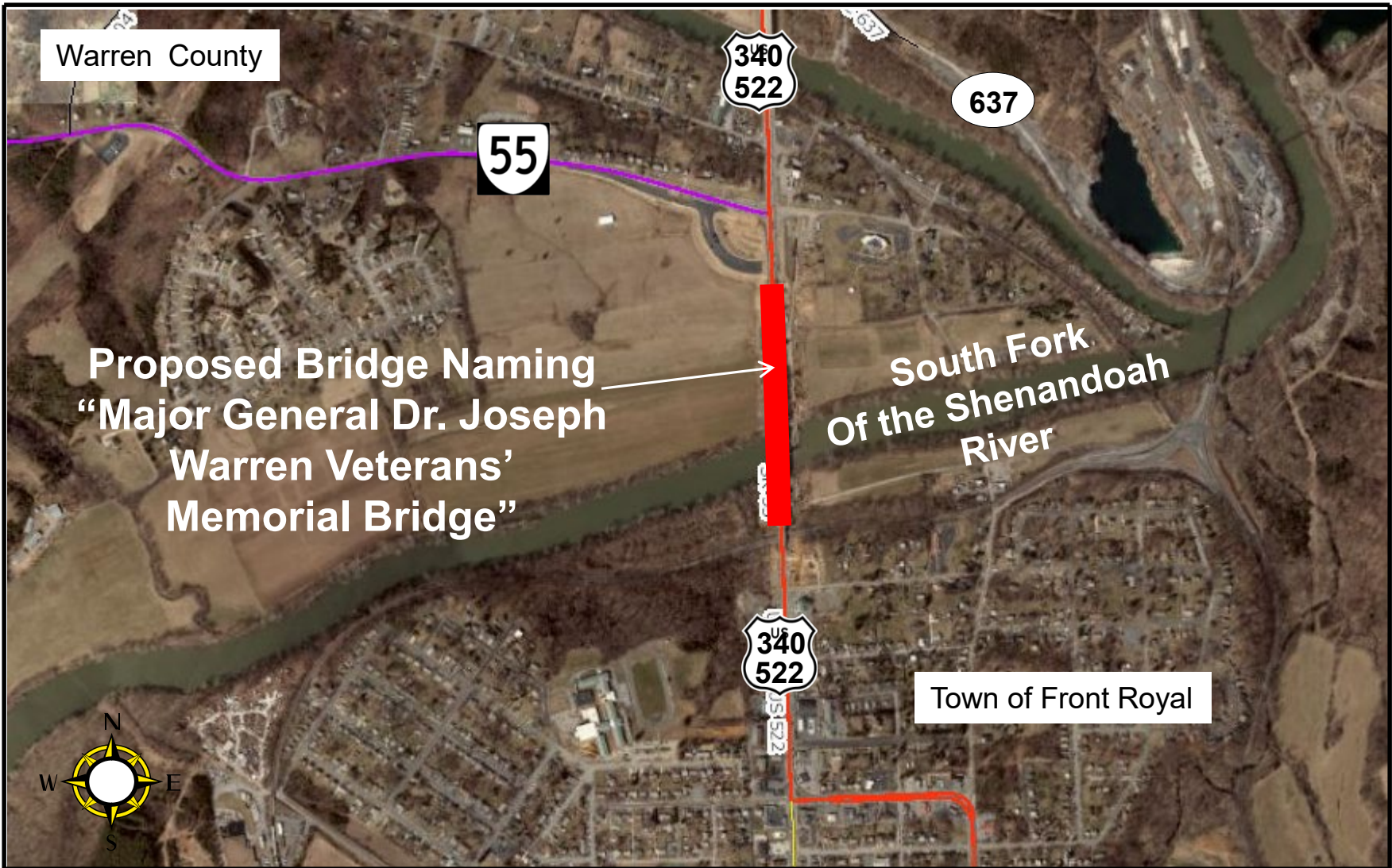
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Warren County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Adopted: May 3, 2022

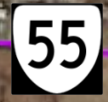
Cheryl L. Cullers
Cheryl L. Cullers, Chair
Warren County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Edwin C. Daley
Edwin C. Daley, Clerk
Warren County Board of Supervisors



Warren County



Proposed Bridge Naming
"Major General Dr. Joseph
Warren Veterans'
Memorial Bridge"

South Fork
Of the Shenandoah
River

Town of Front Royal



Warren County



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