



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 7

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 21, 2023

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes, **Seconded By:** Ms. Hynes,

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated December 20, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and ultimate sacrifice of BM1 Scott C. Delph, name the bridge on Route 621, Right Poor Valley Road, over the North Fork of the Powell River, Lee County, as the “Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Lee County, by letter dated January 12, 2023, has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; 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.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 621, Right Poor Valley Road, over the North Fork of the Powell River, Lee County, as the "Scott C. Delph 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 Lee County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief
Bridge Naming: “Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 621, Right Poor Valley Road, over the North Fork of the Powell River, Lee County, as the “Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: The Lee County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 20, 2022 to honor BM1 Scott C. Delph’s life, service and ultimate sacrifice to his country and countrymen.

According to that resolution, Mr. Delph was born October 30, 1937 near Stone Creek in Lee County and resided in Lee County until his family relocated to Indiana in the early 1950’s.

Scott Delph enlisted in the United States Navy in 1956 and served for 12 years.

On June 21, 1968, BM1 Scott C. Delph was Boat Captain of PBR-750 on patrol on the Upper My Tho River in Dinh Tuong Province, South Vietnam in pursuit of Viet Cong suspects when their boat was caught in an ambush of B-40 rockets and automatic weapons fire.

BM1 Scott C. Delph was killed in action while at the helm of his boat when a rocket struck the fuel tank resulting in a massive explosion.

BM1 Delph is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. at panel 55W, Line 012. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Star and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

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 Route 621, Right Poor Valley Road, over the North Fork of the Powell River, Lee County, will be known as the “Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by letter dated January 12, 2023, Lee 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

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WHEREAS, Scott C. Delph was born October 30, 1937 near Stone Creek in Lee County, Virginia to Curtis and Vivian Cooper Delph and resided in Lee County until his family relocated to Indiana in the early 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Scott Delph enlisted in the United States Navy in 1956 serving 12 years before being killed in action; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1968, BM1 Scott C. Delph was Boat Captain of PBR-750 on patrol on the Upper My Tho River in Dinh Tuong Province, South Vietnam in pursuit of Viet Cong suspects when their boat was caught in an ambush of B-40 rockets and automatic weapons fire; and

WHEREAS, BM1 Delph was at the helm when a rocket struck the fuel tank resulting in a massive explosion which killed Delph instantly; and

WHEREAS, BM1 Delph is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. at panel 55W, Line 012; and was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Star, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to commemorate the brave service and sacrifice of BM1 Delph to country and countrymen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation formally designate and name the bridge over the North Fork of Powell River on Route 621 (Right Poor Valley Road) as the "Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge".

Adopted this the 20th day of December, 2022.





CLERK OF THE BOARD

Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge

GPS: 36.462060, -83.015603

Route 621 - Right Poor Valley Road

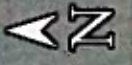
Structure No: 6019

Over: North Fork of Powell River

Legend

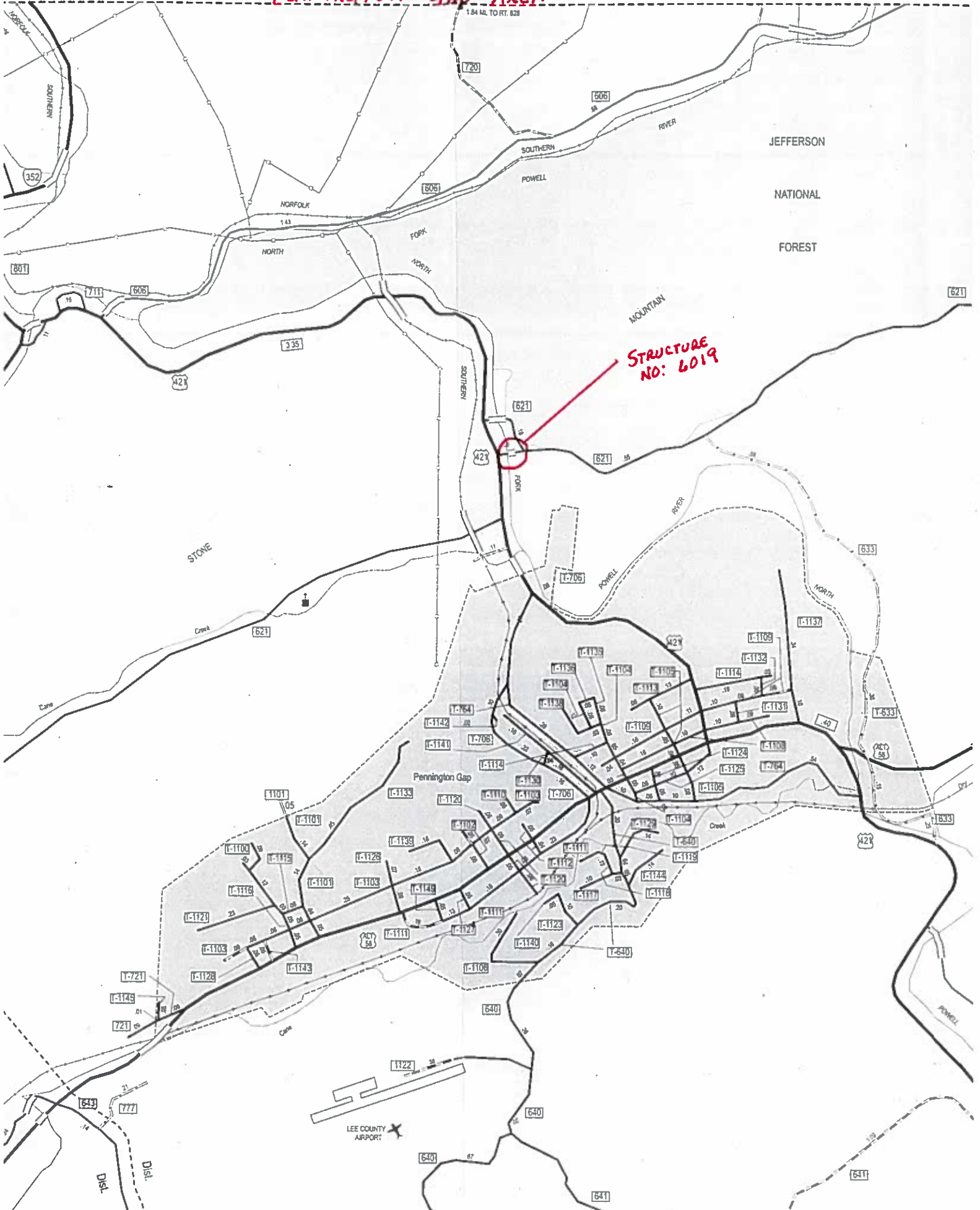
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RE: Scott C. Delph Memorial Bridge Request
Alfred E. Montgomery Memorial Bridge Request

Dear Mr. Sumpter:

This is to confirm that the Lee County Board of Supervisors will pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs for the above referenced bridge naming requests.

If you should have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

D. Dane Poe
County Administrator

Enclosure

Lee County

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North Fork of Powell River

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Pennington Gap



CTB MEETING: February 22, 2023

Lee County

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