



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 18, 2023

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Merrill **Seconded By:** Mr. Laird

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “USN AWS1 James P. Buriak Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated September 12, 2023, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and ultimate sacrifice of Aircrewman Rescue Swimmer James P. Buriak, United States Navy, name the bridge on Route 760, Diuguids Lane, over the Roanoke River, Roanoke County as the “USN AWS1 James P. Buriak Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke County, by resolution dated September 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 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 760, Diuguids Lane, over the Roanoke River, Roanoke County, as the “USN AWS1 James P. Buriak Memorial Bridge”.

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “USN AWS1 James P. Buriak Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Roanoke County, of the bridge on Route 760, Diuguids Lane, over the Roanoke River, Roanoke County as the “USN AWS1 James P. Buriak Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on September 12, 2023 to honor James Buriak’s life, service and ultimate sacrifice to his country and community.

According to that resolution, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors received a request from Delegate Joseph McNamara to name the bridge on Route 760 over the Roanoke River in memory of Aircrewman Rescue Swimmer James P. Buriak, United States Navy. Mr. Buriak was a Roanoke Valley resident and a Roanoke College alumnus.

AWS1 James P. Buriak was killed when his helicopter crashed off the coast of San Diego, California on August 31, 2021.

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 760, Diuguids Lane, over the Roanoke River, Roanoke County, will be known as the “USN AWS1 James P. Buriak Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by resolution dated September 12, 2023, Roanoke 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 has not received any public comments on this proposal.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

RESOLUTION 091223-5.a REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD NAME THE DIUGUIDS LANE (ROUTE 760) BRIDGE OVER THE ROANOKE RIVER AS THE “USN AWS1 JAMES P. BURIAK MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND TO ERECT SIGNAGE, CATAWBA MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, has received a request from Delegate Joseph McNamara to name the recently rehabilitated Diuguids Lane (Route 760) bridge over the Roanoke River in memory of Aircrewman Rescue Swimmer (AWS1) James P. Buriak, United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, AWS1 Buriak was a Roanoke Valley resident, a Roanoke College alumnus and he passed away when his helicopter crashed off the coast of San Diego, California, on August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, under Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) allows naming of bridges, highways and interchanges at the request of a locality when the locality commits to the costs of fabricating, installing and maintaining the signs; and

WHEREAS, the sign size, location, color, font and other display details shall be determined by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the CTB and VDOT are hereby requested to name the Diuguids Lane (Route 760) bridge over the Roanoke River in memory of AWS1 James P. Buriak, United States Navy, and to erect signage in the public right-of-way of Route 760 in Roanoke

County.

2. That the memorial signs shall conform to all applicable design standards as designated by VDOT.

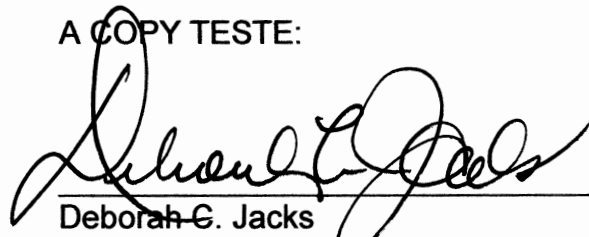
3. That Roanoke County shall pay all costs for the fabrication, installation and maintenance of signs to name the bridge.

On motion of Supervisor Peters to adopt the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Mahoney and carried by the following recorded vote:

AYES: Supervisors Peters, Mahoney, North, Radford, Hooker

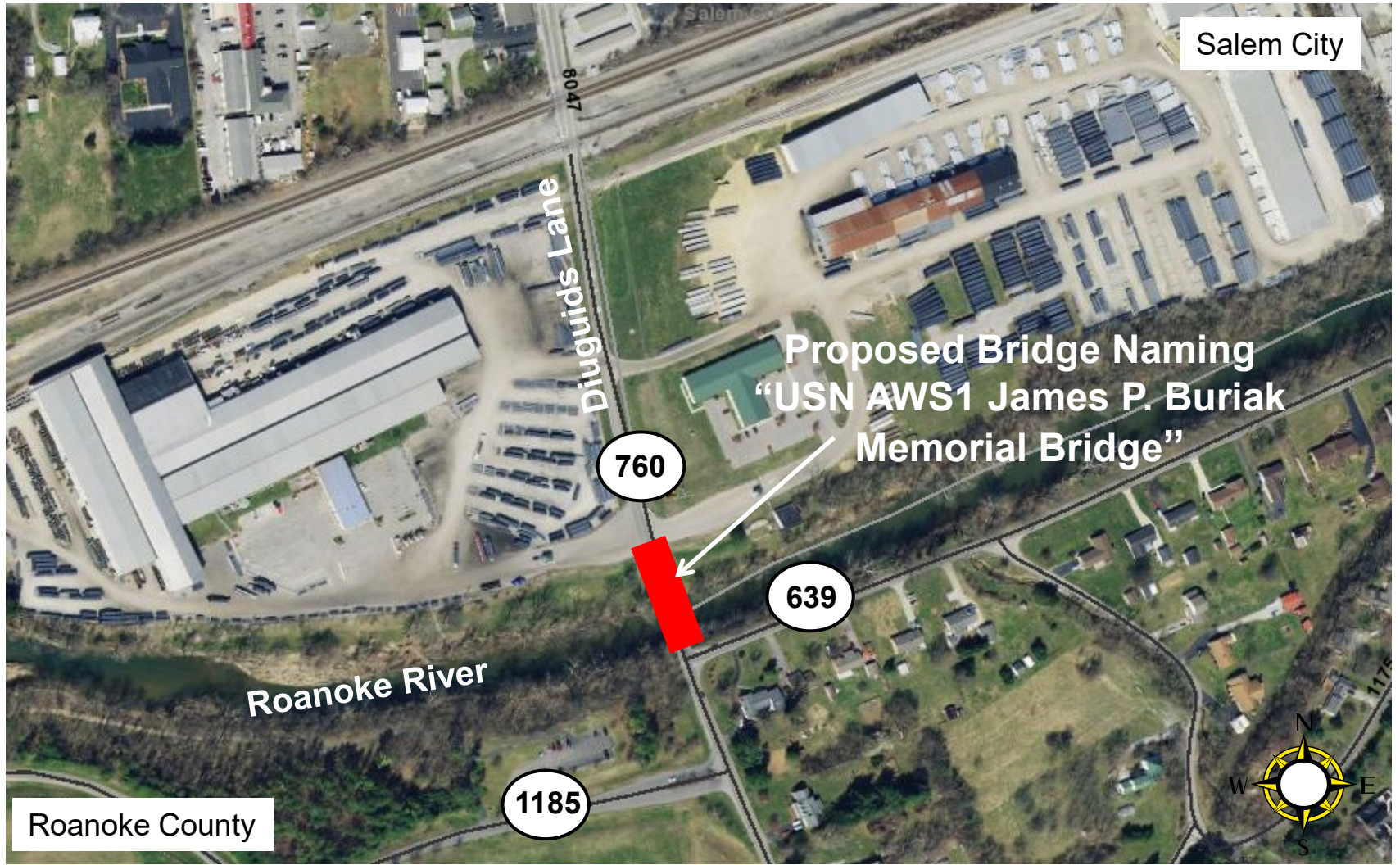
NAYS: None

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Deborah G. Jacks
Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

cc: Megan Cronise, Assistant Director of Planning



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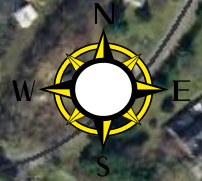
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