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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 8

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 4, 2024

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Green, Seconded By: Mr. Byers

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated October 15, 2024, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service of Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride, name the bridge on State Route 40, West Gretna Road, Pittsylvania County, over U.S. Route 29, as the “Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Pittsylvania County, by that same resolution dated October 15, 2024, 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 State Route 40, West Gretna Road, Pittsylvania County, over U.S. Route 29, as the “Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride 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 Pittsylvania County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Pittsylvania County, of the bridge on State Route 40, West Gretna Road, Pittsylvania County, over U.S. Route 29, as the “Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on October 15, 2024, to honor the life and service of Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride to the Commonwealth and his community.

According to that resolution, Deputy McBride was a County Deputy, who, on November 2, 1969, responded to a disorderly conduct call. During that call, he arrested one subject when he started suffering chest pains. A second Deputy who responded to the scene arrived to find Deputy McBride leaning over his patrol car’s hood, clutching his chest.

The backup Deputy took control of the suspect and Deputy McBride drove himself to the hospital where he died from the heart attack a short time later.

Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride served with the County Sheriff’s Office for nine years and was survived by his wife, four sons, two daughters and his mother.

Law enforcement officers save lives and protect citizens through rigorous law enforcement and patrolling the roadways. Every day they brave ever-present danger to assist motorists, investigate gun, drug and human trafficking, stop public corruption, stop dangerous driving and dangerous individuals, and bring closure to devastated families.

Deputy Sheriff McBride is an example of that dedication shown by the County Sheriff’s Office.

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 State Route 40, West Gretna Road, Pittsylvania County, over U.S. Route 29, will be known as the “Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by resolution dated October 15, 2024, Pittsylvania 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.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION # 2024-10-04**

**SUPPORTING NAMING THE ROUTE 40 (WEST GRETNA) BRIDGE OVER U.S.
HIGHWAY 29 THE “DEPUTY SHERIFF EUGENE B. MCBRIDE MEMORIAL
BRIDGE”**

VIRGINIA: At the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors’ (“Board”) Business Meeting on October 15, 2024, the following Resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to recognizing and celebrating Pittsylvania County, Virginia’s (“County”) historical heritage and contributions made thereto by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride (“McBride”) was a County Deputy who suffered a heart attack, while serving County citizens; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1969, McBride responded to a disorderly conduct call; and

WHEREAS, during said call, he had arrested one (1) subject when he started suffering chest pains; and

WHEREAS, a second Deputy who responded to the scene arrived to find McBride leaning over his patrol car’s hood, clutching his chest; and

WHEREAS, the backup Deputy took control of the prisoner and McBride drove himself to the local hospital, where he died a short time later; and

WHEREAS, McBride had been with the County Sheriff’s Office for nine (9) years and was survived by his wife, four (4) sons, two (2) daughters, and his mother; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers save countless lives by protecting County and Virginia citizens through rigorous law enforcement and the patrolling of State and County roadways; and every day, they brave ever-present danger to assist a stranded motorist, to investigate gun, drug, and human trafficking, to stop public corruption, to bring closure to devastated families, and to stop dangerous driving and dangerous individuals; and

WHEREAS, McBride is an example of the dedication of the County Sheriff’s Office and it is fitting that the Board remember his ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 33.2-213 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 and bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, the same Virginia Code Section further 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.

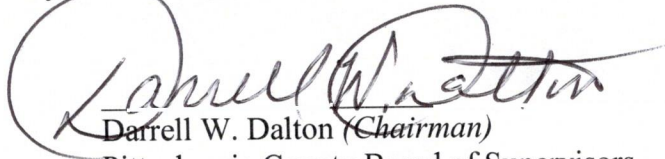
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board supports the naming of the Route 40 (West Gretna Road) bridge over U.S. Highway 29 in County's Callands-Gretna District, the location of said bridge depicted in more detail on the map attached hereto and made a part fully hereof, as the "Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge;" and


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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the McBride family, appropriate local VDOT officials, and the CTB for consideration.

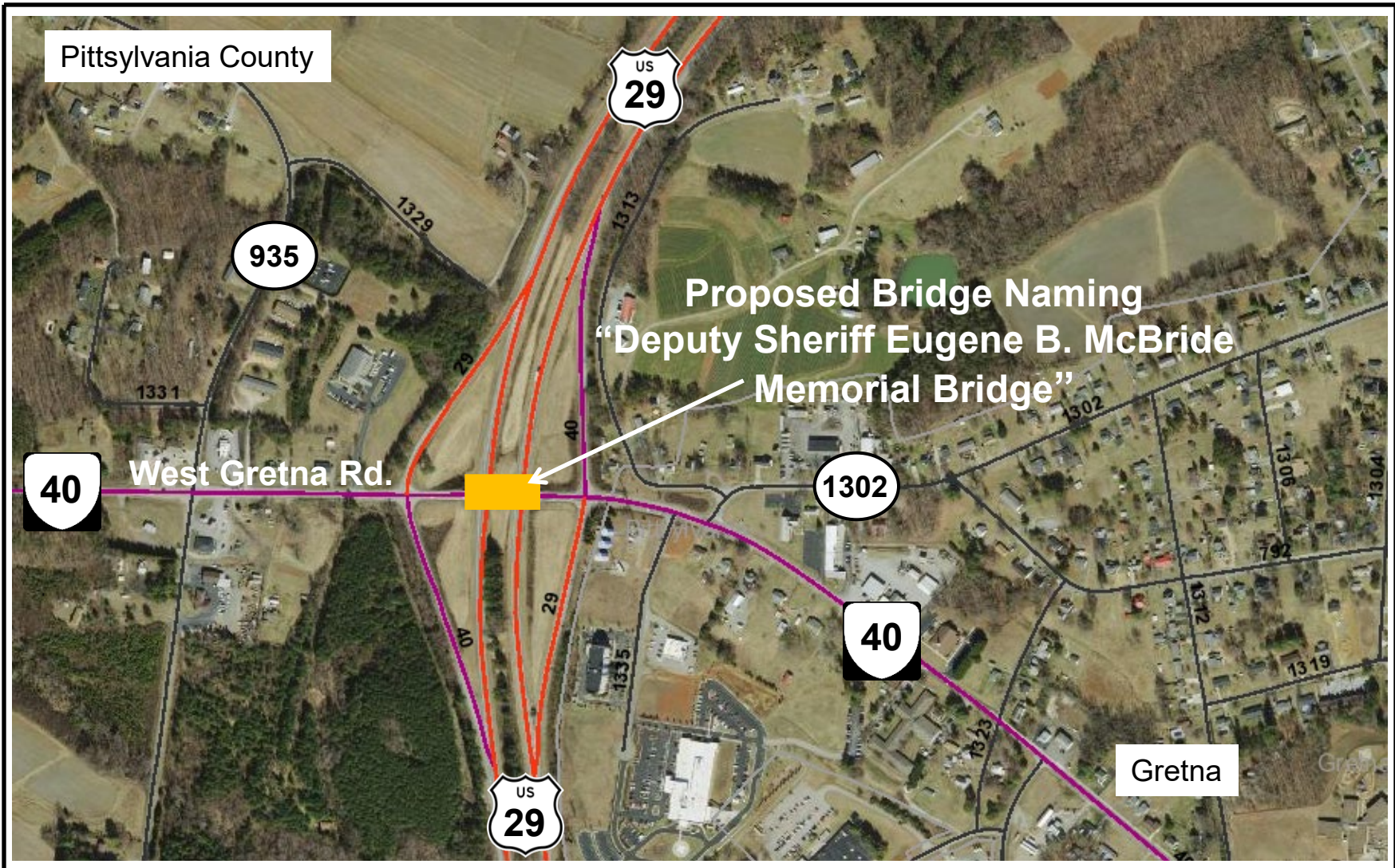
Given under my hand this 15th day of October, 2024.




Darrell W. Dalton (Chairman)
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors


Kaylyn M. McCluster (Clerk)
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors





Maintenance Division

CTB MEETING: December 04, 2024

Pittsylvania County

Proposed Bridge Naming:
**“Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride
Memorial Bridge”**

