



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 22, 2024

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Davis, **Seconded By:** Mr. Laird,
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways Portion of Route 156 Located in Henrico County

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.2-902, *Code of Virginia 1950*, as amended, the Commissioner of Highways was provided with a petition to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways a portion of Route 156, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, in Henrico County. The road segment proposed for abandonment of 0.16 of a mile 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 Henrico County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of this portion of Route 156 from the Primary System of State Highways, as documented in the letter of support, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

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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), and such posting was done in accordance with § 33.2-902, and VDOT received no requests for public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, a Primary highway that is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense and no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of highway 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

Richmond District

Henrico County

- Route 156 0.16 Mi.

Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 0.16 Mi.

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CTB Decision Brief

Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways Portion of Route 156 in Henrico County

Issue: The Henrico County Economic Development Authority has requested the abandonment of a 0.16 mile portion of Route 156 in Henrico County. The County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment.

Facts: The Henrico County Economic Development Authority has requested this abandonment of a portion of Route 156, which is 0.16 of a mile (road identified in “Red” on Exhibit B, attached). A letter of support from the County, dated July 5, 2024, is attached as Exhibit A. The Authority is requesting this abandonment in order to access additional land for an economic development project and the Henrico County Board of Supervisors supports this request.

Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined the 0.16 of a mile portion of Route 156 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*, the Virginia Department of Transportation published a “Notice of Proposed Road Abandonment” in *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* publication on August 7 and 21, 2024 (Exhibit C, attached). No request was received to hold the public hearing.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends the Board approve the abandonment of the 0.16 mile portion of Route 156 referenced above.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board’s members to approve the proposed abandonment. A resolution describing the proposed segment to be abandoned is provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: If approved, the segment of highway will no longer be available for use by the public.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer

Public Comments/Reactions: A public hearing was not requested to be held.

Exhibit A
Henrico County Letter of Support



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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF HENRICO

July 5, 2024

Mr. Marshall Winn
Resident Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
523 N. Washington Highway
Ashland, VA 23005

RE: Abandonment of land adjacent to 6061 Elko Tract Road

Dear Mr. Winn,

Henrico County and the Virginia Department of Transportation received a petition from an interested landowner to abandon land adjacent to 6061 Elko Tract Road. This proposed abandonment involves a section of land on the southeast corner of Elko Road and Elko Tractor Road that is not needed for future road improvements as current and future land uses will not require the widening of Elko Road.

The Henrico Economic Development Authority (EDA) is seeking to purchase 6061 Elko Tract Road (Parcel ID 848-707-0884) from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Henrico EDA is seeking the abandonment of a small portion of land adjacent to 6061 Elko Tract Road so they can proceed with acquiring the right-of-way. This would allow this portion of the property to be joined with 6061 Elko Tract Road.

In my capacity as the Henrico County Director of Public Works and on behalf of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors, the County supports this abandonment adjacent to the intersection of Elko Road at Elko Tract Road pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, agreeing that no public necessity exists for the continuance of this section of road as a public roadway.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Hughes", written over a horizontal line.

Terrell C. Hughes, P.E.
Director of Public Works

pc: The Honorable Tyrone Nelson, Chair of the Henrico Board of Supervisors
County Manager
Dale Totten, P.E., District Engineer, VDOT Richmond District

Exhibit B
Sketch of Proposed Road Segment to be Abandoned
0.16 Mile Portion of Route 156 in Henrico County



Exhibit C
“Notice of Proposed Road Abandonment”

Published in *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*
August 7 and 21, 2024



**Intent to Abandon
Previous Alignment of Route 156
(South-West of the Intersection of
Routes 156 and 380)
Henrico County**

Pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will consider the abandonment of a previous alignment of Route 156. This 0.16 mile segment to be abandoned is located south-west of the intersection of Route 156 (Elko Road) and Route 380 (Elko Tract Road).

Additional information about the proposed abandonment is available at the VDOT Ashland Office located at 523 N. Washington Highway, Ashland, VA 23005-1316. Please call ahead at 804-481-0906, TTY/TTD 711 to make an appointment.

VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing on this matter. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Adam Moore, VDOT, 523 N. Washington Highway, Ashland, VA 23005-1316 or by email to Adam.Moore@VDOT.Virginia.gov on or prior to September 7, 2024. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time, and place of the hearing will be posted.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the manager at the phone number listed above.