



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 18, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Minchew, **Seconded By:** Mr. Gribbin

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated February 10, 2026, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service to his community of John J. Adams, name the bridge on State Route 193, Georgetown Pike, over Difficult Run, Fairfax County, as the “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County, by resolution dated February 10, 2026, 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 193, Georgetown Pike, over Difficult Run, Fairfax County, as the “John J. Adams 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 Fairfax County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Fairfax County, of the bridge on State Route 193, Georgetown Pike, over Difficult Run, Fairfax County, as the “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on February 10, 2026, to honor the life and service to his community of John J. Adams.

According to that resolution, John J. Adams was a founding member of the Georgetown Pike and Potomac River Association that worked to prevent the Burling Tract from being developed, and, because of these preservation efforts, that area became Scotts Run Park.

Mr. Adams and the Georgetown Pike and Potomac River Association worked tirelessly with the Board of Supervisors and members of the General Assembly to create the designation of “Scenic and Historic Byway” for historic roads in the Commonwealth. Due in large part to the efforts of Mr. Adams, Georgetown Pike was declared Virginia’s first Scenic and Historic Byway in 1974.

Even after obtaining this designation, Mr. Adams spent a significant amount of time negotiating with developers, elected officials and the Virginia Department of Transportation to prevent alterations that would damage the historic integrity of Georgetown Pike.

Mr. Adams passed away on April 20, 2025, and members of the community wish to recognize his dedication to the preservation of Georgetown Pike.

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 193, Georgetown Pike, over Difficult Run, Fairfax County, will be known as the “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by resolution dated February 10, 2026, Fairfax 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.



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BOARD MATTER
Supervisor James N. Bierman, Jr.
January 13, 2026

Naming of Bridge on Route 193 Over Difficult Run for John J. Adams

Background: In 1969, John J. Adams was a founding member of the Georgetown Pike and Potomac River Association (the “Association”) that worked to prevent the Burling Tract from being developed. Largely as a result of these preservation efforts, that area became Scotts Run Park, a valuable resource for the whole community. Mr. Adams and the Association then focused their work on the preservation of Georgetown Pike. They worked tirelessly with the Board of Supervisors and members of the General Assembly to create the designation of “Scenic and Historic Byway” for historic roads in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Due in large part to the efforts of Mr. Adams, Georgetown Pike was declared Virginia’s first Scenic and Historic Byway in 1974.

Even after obtaining this designation, Mr. Adams spent a significant amount of time negotiating with developers, elected officials and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to prevent alterations that would damage the historic integrity of Georgetown Pike. Mr. Adams also worked to preserve significant trees on Georgetown Pike wherever possible. Mr. Adams passed away on April 20, 2025.

VDOT allows bridges to be named by the Commonwealth Transportation Board at the request of a local jurisdiction provided the local jurisdiction agrees to bear the costs of producing, erecting, and maintaining appropriate signs. In order to bring a naming request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, VDOT requires a formal resolution from the locality.

To recognize Mr. Adams for his dedication to and lasting impact on Georgetown Pike, community members have requested that the bridge on Georgetown Pike (Route 193) over Difficult Run be named in his honor.

Motion: Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached resolution and direct staff to forward the resolution to the appropriate VDOT office and ask it to submit the resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and request the naming of the bridge on Georgetown Pike (Route 193) over Difficult Run for John J. Adams.

Resolution

WHEREAS, John J. Adams was a founding member of the Georgetown Pike and Potomac River Association (the “Association”) that worked to prevent the Burling Tract from being developed, and, because of these preservation efforts, that area became Scotts Run Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams and the Association worked tirelessly with the Board of Supervisors and members of the General Assembly to create the designation of “Scenic and Historic Byway” for historic roads in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Due in large part to the efforts of Mr. Adams, Georgetown Pike was declared Virginia’s first Scenic and Historic Byway in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Even after obtaining this designation, Mr. Adams spent a significant amount of time negotiating with developers, elected officials and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to prevent alterations that would damage the historic integrity of Georgetown Pike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams passed away on April 20, 2025 and members of the community wish to recognize his dedication to the preservation of Georgetown Pike; and

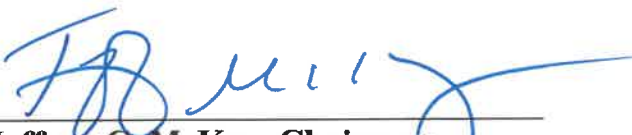
WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities 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 Fairfax County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby

request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 193, Georgetown Pike, over Difficult Run in Fairfax County as the “John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”;

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



Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



James N. Bierman, Jr., Supervisor
Dranesville District

Feb. 10, 2026

Date



Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division

CTB MEETING: March 17, 2026

Fairfax County

Proposed Bridge Naming:
“John J. Adams Memorial Bridge”