

Minutes of the Meeting  
of the State Highway Commission of Virginia  
Held in Richmond and at Big Meadows  
July 28-30, 1955.

At 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 28, the Commission met in the Central Office Building, Richmond, Present - Messrs. E. P. Barrow, Geo. P. DeHardit, S. D. May, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Rawls, Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., J. F. Wycor and J. A. Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the minutes of the meeting of May 26, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission approve the permits issued from May 26 to July 28, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission approve the cancellation of permits from May 26 to July 28, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division, and as authorized June 25, 1947. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 5 for the construction of Projects 1743-70-05 and 1943-08, Routes 250 and 35, 0.478 Mi. E. WCL Richmond-0.105 Mi. W. WCL Richmond (Broad St.) AND from WCL Richmond-0.061 Mi. N. WCL Richmond, City of Richmond and Henrico County, to the low bidder, Atlantic Bitulithic Company, Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$293,232.14, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$164.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$322,700.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that resolution adopted by the Commission at its meeting May 26, 1955, awarding contract to the low bidder, Garrett Contracting Co., Inc., Richmond, Virginia, for the construction of Project 2143-70, Route 60, City of Richmond, 500 Ft. S. of Denny Street, Carlisle Avenue (Government Road), be **RESCINDED**, the bid be **REJECTED**, and the work proposed be scheduled for re-advertising at a convenient future date. On request of the City Manager of Richmond and recommendation of the Department's engineers after further study it was determined that an unbalanced bid was submitted by the low bidder as defined in Section 102.10, Page 15 of the Department's Road and Bridge Specifications of January 1, 1947. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received May 28 for the construction of Project 1964-70-71, Route 460, 0.055 Mi. E. Ferguson Avenue-0.018 Mi. W. Reservoir Avenue, City of Norfolk, to the low bidder, Norfolk Contracting Company, Norfolk, Virginia, at the bid of \$793,554.50, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$75,000.00 for work by N. & W. R.R., \$180,000.00 City of Norfolk R/W and \$27,000.00 City of Norfolk-Storm Drains, making a total of approximately \$1,154,900.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1874-05, Route 501, 9.553 Mi. S. SCL Petersburg-8.270 Mi. S. SCL Petersburg, Prince George County, to the low bidder, R. H. Ross, Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$152,759.69, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$3,793.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$171,850.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1895-08, Route 11-W, Int. Peters Street-Int. Wagner Street (Widening West State Street on North Side), City of Bristol, to the low bidder, Alley Construction Company, Bristol, Virginia, at the bid of \$45,593.75, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$55.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$50,200.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Projects 1828-70 and 2528-70-71, Routes 1 and 501, Market Street-Grater Road Bank Street, City of Petersburg, to the low bidder, Southern Construction Co., Petersburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$44,251.50, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$165.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$48,800.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1855-17-18, Route 220-A, 0.197 Mi. S. of SCL Boone Mill-7.679 Mi. S. of SCL Boone Mill, Franklin County, to the low bidder, Ralph E. Mills Company, Inc., Salem, Virginia, at the bid of \$552,807.11, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$46,140.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$654,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1885-07-09-10, Routes 694 and 707, Int. Route 814 (S. of Hamburg)-Int. Route 691 (W. of Lanta Mills), Shenandoah County, to the low bidder, Mallard Construction Company, Manassas, Virginia, at the bid of \$110,798.80 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$121,900.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1892-04, Route 601, Int. Route 16 (Near Asberry)-2.80 Mi. E. Int. Route 807 (Tannersville), Tazewell County, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Company, Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$127,059.89 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$139,750.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1895-06, Route 647, Int. Route 665-Int. Route 11 (West of Abington), Washington County, on REGULAR bid, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Company, Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$58,254.67 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$64,050.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Projects 1695-06 and 1695-07, Route 11, Group #30, 1.201 Mi. W. Smyth County Line-0.354 Mi. W. of Old Glade AND 2.035 Mi. W. of Smyth County Line-0.088 Mi. W. of Old Glade, Washington County, to the low bidder, Sam Finley, Inc., Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$59,972.50, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$5,568.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$71,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 4981-01-02, Route 251, 0.212 Mi. E. Buffalo Creek-0.171 Mi. W. Buffalo Creek, Rockbridge County, to the low bidder, Echols Brothers, Inc., Staunton, Virginia, at the bid of \$105,839.28, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$55.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$114,050.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$54,050.00 required to be supplied from the Staunton District Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Projects 5455-03-04; 2755-06, Routes 49 and 40, 0.320 Mi. N. of Int. Routes 40 and 49-1.303 Mi. E. of NCL Victoria AND 0.008 Mi. W. of ECL Victoria-0.587 Mi. N. of ECL Victoria (Main Street), Lunenburg County, to the low bidder, E. W. Woolfolk, Bowling Green, Virginia, at the bid of \$158,545.80, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$550.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$158,960.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$8,770.00 required to be supplied from Richmond District Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for Moving One Story Brick Dwelling, Route 380, Project 2842-01, Hanover County, to the low bidder, William B. Patram and Company, Richmond, Virginia, at the bid of \$8,818.48 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$7,800.00 chargeable to this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1571-14, Route 685, Int. Route 670 (N. of Route 40)-Int. Route 640, Pittsylvania County, to the low bidder, Thompson-Arthur Paving Co., Greensboro, North Carolina, at the bid of \$59,518.77 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$65,450.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1870-06, Routes 681 and 700, North Carolina State Line-Int. Route 58 (Nettleridge), Patrick County, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Company, Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$68,821.97 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$70,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1568-06, Route 663, Int. Route 611-Int. Route 522, Orange County, to the low bidder, C. E. Moyer, Staunton, Virginia, at the bid of \$41,920.75 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$46,100.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1861-10, Route 804, Special Design Bridge over Lake Prince South of Exchange, Manassas County, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Franklin, Virginia, at the bid of \$52,524.70 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$57,800.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1809-09, Route 845, Int. Route 122 (Otterville)-0.051 Mi. E. Int. Route 674, Bedford County, to the low bidder, Walter N. Webber, Lynchburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$28,416.91 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$31,250.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1820-71, Route 1, SCL Richmond-2,907 Mi. W. SCL Richmond (Jefferson Davis Highway), City of Richmond, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Franklin, Virginia, at the bid of \$1,279,123.80, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$82,460.00 City of Richmond and \$110.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$1,469,600.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1881-04, Route 780, Contract #1, Bridge over Brattons Creek-1.8 miles from Goshen, Rockbridge County, to the low bidder, Echols Brothers, Inc., Staunton, Virginia, at the bid of \$18,489.40 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$20,150.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 1878-08-09, Route 885, Int. Route 15-Int. Route 828 (E. of Route 15), Prince Edward County, to the low bidder, Roanoke Paving Company, Inc., Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$6,675.48 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$7,350.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 11 for the construction of Project 2194-07, Route 60, 0.04 Mi. N. of North Limits of Hilton Village-0.648 Mi. N. of North Limits Hilton Village, City of Warwick, to the low bidder, Clyde R. Royals, Hampton, Virginia, at the bid of \$152,912.51, that 6.9% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$110.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$162,218.48 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 19 for the construction of Project 1327-08, Routes 1428;1438;1440;614;608;1009; 1208, City of Hampton, to the low bidder, E. W. Muller, Newport News, Virginia, at the bid of \$51,595.45 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$56,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 18 for the construction of the Staunton District Office Building, to the low bidder, J. S. Mathers, Inc., Waynesboro, Virginia, at the bid of \$145,557.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$159,900.00 chargeable to this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm letter ballot action to accept the low bid of June 8 from the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Lynchburg, Virginia, for Liability and Property Damage Insurance on approximately 2,924 vehicles operated by the Department of Highways and Central Garage Fund, at a guaranteed cost of \$59,984.79, for the period beginning July 1, 1953, and ending July 1, 1954. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Mysor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 26 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type F-1, Schedule 55-58, Suffolk District, to the low bidder, Clyde R. Royals, Hampton, Virginia, at the bid of \$22,974.53, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$25,300.00 chargeable to this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received June 28 for the construction of Project 1527-05, Route 607, Int. Route 278-0.550 Mi. E. of Int. of Route 278, Elizabeth City County, to the low bidder, E. W. Miller, Newport News, Virginia, at the bid of \$84,379.15 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$87,800.00 chargeable to this project; the bid being 18.4% over estimate, the Department approving 10% of this 18.4% and the City of Hampton by signed statement having agreed to take care of the remainder. Additional \$6,890.78 required to be provided from the balance due Elizabeth City County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1504-07-09, Route 642, 0.101 Mi. S. of S. End of Bridge over Flat Creek-0.121 Mi. N. of N. End of Bridge over Flat Creek, Amelia County, to the low bidder, John P. Harvey, Lynchburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$47,909.60 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$52,700.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1516-10-11, Route 609, Carolina County, Int. Route 606 (Flippo's Corner) - Spotsylvania County Line, to the low bidder, T. F. Franklin, Salem, Virginia, at the bid of \$58,875.63 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$64,763.19 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1530-12-14, Route 616, Fauquier County, Stafford County Line-Int. Route 806 (Bristotrsburg), to the low bidder, Walter N. Webber, Lynchburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$64,514.57 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$70,962.01 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1538-04, Routes 653, 652, 649, Gloucester County, Int. Route 216 (Achilles)-Int. Route 216 (Achilles), to the low bidder, E. W. Woulfolk, Bowling Green, Virginia, at the bid of \$80,524.95 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$88,600.00 chargeable to this project, including the 1954-155 funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1855-05, Route 655, Lunenburg County, Int. Route 712 (Wattsboro)-Int. Route 655 (Oral Oaks), to the low bidder, Carlton A. Grider, Chatham, Virginia, at the bid of \$48,154.64 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$52,950.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Projects 1574-07, Routes 622, 621 and 605, 0.195 Mi. W. of Int. Route 501-Dixie County Line AND 1574-08, Route 641, Int. Route 10-0.025 Mi. E. Int. Route 644 (Group #39) Prince Edward County, to the low bidder, Joe E. Taylor, Emporia, Virginia, at the bid of \$46,889.91 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$51,500.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Projects 1518-04-06; 1365-04, Route 609, Charles City and New Kent Counties, 0.152 Mi. S. of S. End of Bridge over Chickahominy River-0.105 Mi. N. of N. End of Bridge over Chickahominy River, to the low bidder, C. H. Lawson, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$98,408.60, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$108,250.00 chargeable to this project, including the 1954-'55 funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1548-07-08, Route 625, King George County, Bridge and Approaches over Quicathis Run, to the low bidder, J. R. Ford Company, Inc., Lynchburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$28,912.60 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$31,800.00 chargeable to this project, including the 1954-'55 funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1891-09-10, Route 626, Sussex County, 0.257 Mi. N. of N. End Bridge over Nottoway River-0.109 Mi. S. of S. End Bridge over Nottoway River, to the low bidder, Donald H. Salvage, Amherst, Va., at the bid of \$85,733.45 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$94,500.00 chargeable to this project, including 1954-'55 funds. Motion carried.



Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1557-05, Routes 620, 612, 617, Goochland County; Hanover County Line- Int, Route 250 (W. of Cilville) AND Project 1342-07, Route 617, Hanover County; Goochland County Line-S, End South Anna River Bridge, Group #40, to the low bidder, A. C. Shearer Company, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on REGULAR bid of \$77,686.51 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$85,450.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1598-09, Route 608, Int. of Route 606 (Paytes)-1.265 Mi. W. of West Int. of Route 612, Spotsylvania County, to the low bidder, R. E. Watts and Company, Amherst, Virginia, on REGULAR bid of \$60,702.81 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$66,800.00 chargeable to this project, including 1954-'55 funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1520-16-17, Route 651, Int. Route 626-0.011 Mi. S. Int. Route 652 (Southwest of Chester), Chesterfield County, to the low bidder, C. H. Lawson, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia, on REGULAR bid of \$90,905.60 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$100,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Projects 1741-11; 2041-10, Routes 58 and 501, Halifax County; 0.192 Mi. W. of Int. of Route 501-0.045 Mi. W. of Int. Route 34 AND 0.076 Mi. N. of Int. of Route 58-0.076 Mi. S. of Int. Route 58, to the low bidder, E. A. Nunn, Virginia, Virginia, at the bid of \$167,518.82, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$522.50 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$184,800.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Projects 1775-07; 5575-03-04, Routes 58 and 164, Princess Anne County; 0.306 Mi. E. of Int. Route 164-0.224 Mi. W. of Int. Route 164 AND 0.506 Mi. E. of Int. Route 58-Int. Route 58; to the low bidder, Bero Engineering and Construction Corp., Hampton, Virginia, at the bid of \$359,265.95, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$530.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$395,700.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1844-06-07, Route 220, 0.028 Mi. W. of Int. Route 57 (Fayette Street)-1.191 Mi. E. of Int. Route 57 (Fayette Street), City of Martinsville, to the low bidder, McDowall and Wood, Salem, Virginia, at the bid of \$480,885.41, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$660.00 for work by State Forces, \$38,500.00 for erection of steel work by the N&W Railway Co., and \$44,558.00 for Force Account work by the N&W Railway Company, making a total of approximately \$610,550.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contracts on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 2400-10, Route 120, 0.722 Mi. N. of Int. Route 244-0.05 Mi. N. of Int. Route 244, Arlington County, to the low bidder, Wilmoth Paving Company, Washington, D. C., at the bid of \$286,115.89, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$110.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$292,850.00 chargeable to this project, Arlington's contribution amounting to \$84,500.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harrow, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1909-08, Route 450, 4.870 Mi. W. of Campbell County Line-0.682 Mi. E. of Elk Creek, Bedford County, to the low bidder, Adams Construction Co., Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$40,675.67, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$27.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$44,750.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Harrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1888-10, Route 11, 4.017 Mi. W. of WCL Marion-5.196 Mi. W. of WCL Marion, Smyth County, to the low bidder, Turner Brothers, Salem, Virginia, at the bid of \$216,991.89, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$165.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$238,850.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$38,850.00 required to be provided from the 1954-55 allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1677-11, Route 11, 0.197 Mi. W. of WCL Dublin-2.855 Mi. W. of WCL Dublin, Pulaski County, to the low bidder, Albert Brothers, Contractors, Inc., Salem, Virginia, on REGULAR bid of \$306,798.21, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$9,751.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$346,100.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wycor, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 2802-09, Route 20, Bridge over Moore's Creek at SCL Charlottesville, Albemarle County, to the low bidder, Faulconer Construction Co., Charlottesville, Virginia, at the bid of \$48,495.00 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$47,950.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Projects 5185-03; 5185-04, Route 19, Group #59, Russell County, 4.621 Mi. W. of WCL Lebanon-Russell-Washington County Line AND WCL Lebanon-4.621 Mi. W. of WCL Lebanon, to the low bidder, R. G. Pope Construction, Bristol, Virginia, at the bid of \$74,411.00, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$11,580.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$95,400.00 chargeable to this project; additional \$21,400. required to be provided from the 1954-55 allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 5287-03, Route 259, 0.553 Mi. N. of SCL Franklin-SUL Franklin (Town of Franklin), Southampton County, to the low bidder, Donald H. Salvage, Ashurst, Virginia, at the bid of \$82,171.00, that \$5,719.00 be set aside for engineering and contingencies and \$110.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$89,000.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 5458-05, Route 93, 0.360 Mi. S. of Int. of Route 58-North Carolina State Line, Grayson County, to the low bidder, Paul Slusher Construction Co., Roanoke, Virginia, at the bid of \$53,955.00, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$220.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$57,600.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 4024-04, Route 45, Cumberland County, 1.515 Mi. N. of WCL Farmville-5.405 Mi. N. of WCL Farmville, to the low bidder, Walter N. Webber, Lynchburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$83,964.82, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$152.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$82,400.00 chargeable to this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyzor, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission REJECT all bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 2145-70, Route 80, 500 Ft. S. of Denny Street-Carlisle Avenue, (Government Road), City of Richmond; the low bid being 14.0% over estimate; and the work be readvertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission REJECT all bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 2105-07-08, Route 80, 0.085 Mi. W. of WCL Clifton Forge-3.665 Mi. W. of WCL Clifton Forge, Alleghany County, the low bid being 25.8% over estimate; and the work be readvertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission REJECT all bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1992-71, Routes 19 and 460, Tazewell County, Bridge over Bluestone River in Bluefield, the low bid being 17.5% over estimate; and the work be readvertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission REJECT all bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 1597-07-08, Route 658, Southampton County, 0.158 Mi. W. of W. End Bridge over Nottoway River-0.457 Mi. E. of E. End Bridge over Nottoway River, the low bid being 24.2% over estimate; and the work be readvertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Wyzor, that the Commission REJECT all bids received July 17 for the construction of Project 2518-10-14, Route 5, Charles City County, 5.286 Mi. E. Henrico-Charles City County Line-6.608 Mi. E. Henrico-Charles City County Line AND 8.720 Mi. E. Henrico-Charles City County Line-9.774 Mi. E. Henrico-Charles City County Line, the low bid being 30.2% over estimate; and the work be readvertised. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type F-1, Schedule 57-53, Suffolk District (State Plant Mix), to the low bidder, Virginia Engineering Company, Inc., Newport News, Virginia, at the bid of \$19,619.50, and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$21,800.00 chargeable to this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type L-3, Schedule 8-10-53, Staunton District, (State Plant Mix), to the low bidder, M. A. Layman and Sons, Inc., Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the bid of \$38,400.18 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$42,280.00 chargeable to this work. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type H-2 and I-5, Staunton District - Schedule 57-58 (State Plant Mix), to the low bidder, Elus Ridge Asphalt Paving Company, Inc., Winchester, Virginia, at the bid of \$14,114.50 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$15,500.00 chargeable to this work; to be financed with net let balances - Warren County, Project 1685-01; Shenandoah County, Project 1685-01; Frederick County, Project 1884-01. Deficit of \$500.00 to be provided. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type H-2 and I-5, Lynchburg District, Schedule 52-53 (State Plant Mix), to the low bidder, Thompson-Arthur Paving Co., Greensboro, North Carolina, at the bid of \$10,968.80 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$12,060.00 chargeable to this work; to be charged against Activity 325 Lynchburg District. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission award contract on bids received July 17 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type H-2 and I-5, Lynchburg District, Schedule 54-55 (State Plant Mix), to the low bidder, Thompson-Arthur Paving Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, at the bid of \$9,010.80 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$9,900.00 chargeable to this work; to be financed with balances from Construction Allocation on Route 57, Project 5171-05. Motion carried.

No Bids were received July 17 for Furnishing, Delivering and Applying Plant Mixed Bituminous Material Type F-1, Fredericksburg District, Schedule 55-58 (State Plant Mix). To be readvertised at an early date.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that because of an error in the bid of G. H. Lawson, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia, received July 17 for the construction of Project 2520-18-14-15, Route 360, 0.216 Mi. E. of Nuttree Creek-3.051 Mi. W. of WCL Richmond, Chesterfield County; and because the bid of Bero Engineering and Construction Corporation was not read due to the American Surety Company of New York having inadvertently made an error in the figures, the Commission REJECT all bids and readvertise the project; under authority of Section 102.01 of the General Provisions of the specifications which authorizes the Commission to reject any and all bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided under Article 6,1, Section 53-76,1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 122 in Bedford County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway they be discontinued as a part of the Primary System, new sections having been opened in lieu thereof; Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated March 19, 1952, Project 578-01. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that as provided under Article 6,1, Section 53-76,5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 58 in Nelson County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway they be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 1,2,3 and 7 shown on plat dated February 16, 1953, Project 4162-01-04. That as provided under Article 6,1, Section 53-76,1 of the 1950 Code, Amended, the following sections being no longer necessary as a part of the Primary System they be discontinued as such, new sections having been opened in lieu thereof; Sections 4, 5 and 6 also shown on the plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Wyszor, that as provided under Article 6,1, Section 53-76,1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 24 in Bedford County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway they be discontinued as a part of the Primary System, new sections having been opened in lieu thereof; Sections 1 and 2 shown on plat dated October 15, 1952, Project 1460-C. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that as provided under Article 2, Section 53-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 86 in Henry County being no longer necessary for uses as a part of the Primary System they be transferred to the Secondary System, new sections having been opened in lieu thereof; Sections 1, 3, 5 and 7-B, shown on plat dated April 1, 1953, Project 1744-01. That as provided under Article 6,1, Section 53-76,5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, the following sections of old Route 58 be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 2,4,6,7-A, 8 and 9; further, that Section 7-D be discontinued as a part of the Primary System, as provided under Article 6,1, Section 53-76,1, all as shown on the plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Senator Nelson, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 40 in Franklin County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway they be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 shown on plat dated April 1, 1953, Project 728-02. That as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, the following section be transferred to the Secondary System; Section 3 also shown on the plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 58 in Henry County being no longer necessary for uses as a part of the Primary System they be discontinued as such, new sections having been opened in lieu thereof; Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5-A, shown on plat dated March 31, 1953, Project 1744-02. That as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, the following section of old Route 58 be transferred to the Secondary System; Section 5 also shown on the plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wyszor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 40 in Franklin County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway they be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 shown on plat dated April 2, 1953, Project 728-03. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 297 in Bedford County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway they be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Sections 1, 2-A and 3 shown on plat dated April 5, 1953, Project 5908-01-02. That as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, Section 2 also shown on the plat referred to be transferred from the Primary System to the Secondary System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. DeHardit, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 3 in Culpeper County being no longer necessary for uses as a highway it be abandoned to the extent of alteration; Section 1 shown on plat dated March 27, 1953, Project 3823-01. Further, as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, Section 2 shown on plat referred to be discontinued as a part of the Primary System. Also, as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27, of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, Section 3 shown on plat referred to be transferred to the Secondary System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. DeHardit, that as provided under Article 6, 1, Section 55-78.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following sections of old Route 172 in York County being no longer necessary for use as a part of the Primary System they be discontinued as such, new sections having been opened in lieu thereof; Sections 1, 2 and 4 shown on plat dated February 9, 1953, Project 1898-02, That as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, Section 3 shown on the plat referred to be transferred to the Secondary System; further, that as provided under Article 2, Section 55-141 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, Section 5 also shown on the plat dated February 9, 1953, be added to the Secondary System. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, after the presentation of a full report on the handling of insurance on the Department's buildings throughout the State, that if the Department is to continue its self insured policy, the Purchasing Agent and his assistants, and our attorney, look into the possibility of setting up an annual sum of eight or ten thousand dollars, or whatever is reasonable, as a reserve against fire loss; and a report be made to the Commission. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that whereas, there has been extensive development of waysides by the State Highway Commission, and whereas, some of the areas accepted for waysides have contained such large acreage as to almost merit the name of parks, and whereas, investigations were made by our staff of the policies of the several states in the establishment of waysides and the consensus of those states is that where waysides and rest areas are established the areas should be limited, and whereas, it is the conclusion of our staff that at the present time the State of Virginia has practically enough waysides and picnic table areas, and that the Commission should go slow in establishing additional areas; now, therefore, be it resolved, that it be the policy of the State Highway Commission that where conditions warrant the establishment of a new area, no more than five acres be purchased or accepted as a gift and of the five acres no more than one acre be actually developed as the rest or recreational area, the remaining four acres being maintained for the purpose of providing a protective screen around the developed area, and be it further resolved that no new wayside will be established in Virginia until approved by the State Highway Commission. Motion carried.



WHEREAS, Wilbur Smith and Associates, Consulting Engineers, have completed a study and report for the State Highway Commission on "Toll Roads for the Richmond-Petersburg Area", and whereas, in its study the Consultants have concluded that a toll road from north of Richmond to south of Petersburg is both highly desirable and financially feasible, and have further concluded that the location which would render the greatest service would lie partially within the municipalities of Richmond, Petersburg and Colonial Heights, and whereas, the Commission does not believe that the Richmond-Petersburg bottleneck can be reasonably solved in the foreseeable future with funds normally available for highway purposes, and whereas, it is the sense of the Commission that the study and conclusions of its Consultants are sound, and that a self-liquidating toll road from north of Richmond to south of Petersburg and lying partially within Richmond, Petersburg and Colonial Heights will do much to solve a traffic problem which is already critical, and whereas, the conclusions of the report show the toll road should preferably lie within three municipalities of over 5,500 population in which the Commission has no authority to construct either free roads or toll roads; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Commission concurs in the findings and conclusions of its Consultants, and recommends for the consideration of the municipalities and other jurisdictions affected and the members of the Legislature that at the 1954 Session of the General Assembly a special Toll Road Authority be created by that body for the express and specific purpose of locating, constructing and operating a self-liquidating toll road from north of Richmond to south of Petersburg and lying partially within the Cities of Richmond, Petersburg and Colonial Heights; be it further resolved, that this recommendation of the Commission is in no sense to be construed to mean that the Commission does not intend to further improve Route 1 or other parallel highways as conditions may justify and available funds may permit.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm its latter ballot action as follows:

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is given the power to give suitable names to State Highways under the provisions of Section 53-12 of the Code of Virginia, and whereas, the State Highway Commission is aware of the great work and service performed by the late Booker T. Washington, and whereas, the State Highway Commission has been requested by Mr. S. J. Phillips, President of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, and whereas, the present State Highway running between Big Island, Virginia and Rocky Mount, Virginia, bears no name, but is solely designated as Route 122, and whereas, the said highway traverses land familiar to and near the birthplace of the late Booker T. Washington; now, therefore, let it be resolved, that this Commission confer the name, "Booker T. Washington Memorial Highway" upon the highway designated Route 122 running between Big Island, Virginia, and Rocky Mount, Virginia. Motion carried.

It was moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the State Highway Commission adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a bridge over the Cowpasture River on Route 269, Bath County, which has only an eight-ton load limit, and whereas, it is deemed desirable to increase the capacity of the said bridge to fifteen tons prior to the effective date of the transfer of Route 269, Bath County, from the Primary to the Secondary System of Highways; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the sum of \$13,500, is hereby appropriated from the Construction Reserve of the Staunton District to cover the cost of replacing the present bridge over the Cowpasture River on Route 269, Bath County, with the present truss span over Moores Creek on Route 20 at Charlottesville, as soon as the latter becomes available; and be it further resolved, that the effective date of the transfer of Route 269, Bath County, from the Primary to the Secondary System of Highways be delayed until the said bridge replacement has been completed. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the proposed Lexington Distribution Road and necessary connections, to be known as Route 11-A, from the east corporate limits of Lexington to a point 2.196 miles south of the east corporate limits of Lexington, be declared a limited access highway under the provisions of Sections 53-58 and 53-59 of the Code of Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that whereas, under authority of Section 53-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, request is made by the City of Richmond for payment at the basic rate of \$300 per mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standard; now, therefore, be it resolved, that quarterly payments at the basic rate of \$300 per mile annually be made to the City of Richmond on additional streets totaling 1.3534 miles effective beginning the first quarter, July 1, 1953. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wycor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that whereas, under authority of Section 53-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, request is made by the City of Charlottesville for payment at the basic rate of \$300 per mile annually on additional streets constructed to meet the required standards, and the deletion of other streets not meeting the required standards; now, therefore, be it resolved, that adjustments in the quarterly payments at the basic rate of \$300 per mile annually be made to the City of Charlottesville for additional streets totaling 5.196 miles and the deletion of streets totaling 1.541 mile; a net addition of 3.657 miles effective beginning the first quarter, July 1, 1953. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, Section 46-386 of the Code of Virginia 1950 provides that the State Highway Commission, may, by general or special order, which may be amended or rescinded from time to time, increase the maximum weights permitted on the road surface of certain highways; or parts thereof, such as in the opinion of the Commission are capable from the standpoint of the design, strength and conditions, of carrying such maximum weights as prescribed in Sub-sections (3) and (4) of this section; and whereas, Sub-section (5) of said Section provides maximum limits of 18,000 pounds axle weights and gross weights of 40,000 pounds for vehicles having three axles; and whereas Sub-section (4) of said section provides maximum limits of 18,000 pounds axle weights and gross weights of 50,000 pounds for vehicles having four or more axles; and whereas, Section 46-387, provides that the State Highway Commission shall cause every highway or part thereof, on which the maximum weight per axle and the maximum gross weight have been increased as provided in the preceding Section to be marked with appropriate signs indicating respective weight limits permitted; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the State Highway Commission under authority of Section 46-386 of the Code of Virginia 1950 prescribed in Sub-sections (3) and (4) of said Section hereby orders that appropriate signs be posted on the following:

<u>Route No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>
789	Route 550, Harry G. Shirley Highway	The CRA Warehouse Fairfax County	0.75
1011	Route 460 Campbell Co.	E.C.L. Lynchburg	<u>1.80</u>
Total			2.55

Total of 5,674.94 miles in the 50,000 pound system and 51.87 miles in the 40,000 pound system. \*5,689.80 miles in the Primary System  
5.64 miles in the Secondary System.

Moved by Mr. Wisor, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that whereas, by proper resolutions the various Board of Supervisors have requested the discontinuance of certain roads from the Secondary System; and whereas, the Resident Engineers representing the Commission, did post notices and hold hearings in the respective counties to ascertain whether or not such roads should be discontinued, the proposed discontinuances meeting no opposition, now therefore, be it resolved, that the following roads be discontinued as parts of the Secondary System as provided by Section 33-76,7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, Amended, effective this date.

Floyd County                    Route 777, from a point 1.30 Mi. south of Route 726 to 1.65 Mi. south of Route 726, length 0.35 Mi.

Patrick County                Route 610, from 1.7 Mi. south of Route 657 to a dead end, length 2.20 Mi.

                                      Route 608, from 0.57 Mi. east of Route 600 to 1.1 Mi. east, length 1.10 Mi.

Patrick County

Route 853, from Route 634 to Floyd County Line, length 0.50 Mile.

Route 602, from 0.25 MI. north of Route 58 to Route 605, length 0.65 mile.

Route 716, from the west intersection of Route 622 to Route 40, length 1.20 miles.

Route 718, from 0.50 mile north of Route 704 to 1.65 miles northwest, length 1.65 miles.

Route 617, from Route 615 to Route 616, length 0.50 mile.

Route 681, from 1.4 miles east of Route 648 to a dead end, length 0.50 mile.

Route 654, from 0.20 mile south of Route 855 to Route 631, length 1.90 miles.

Route 699, from 0.20 mile north of the intersection of Rt. 787 to a dead end, length 0.30 Mi.

Route 787, from Route 651 to Route 699, length 0.20 mile.

Route 685, from 0.90 mile north of Route 626 to Route 694, length 0.40 mile.

Route 691, from Route 689 to 0.40 mile north length 0.40 mile.

Route 691, from the east intersection of Route 692 to the south intersection of Route 680, length 0.70 mile.

Route 691, from Route 692 to 0.90 mile south of Route 692, length 0.90 mile.

Route 715, from Route 622 to 2.20 miles east of Route 622, length 2.20 miles.

Route 706, from Route 706 to Route 615, length 1.80 miles.

**Shenandoah County**

Route 762, from 0.75 Mi. north of Route 629 to the Frederick Co. Line, length 0.35 mile.

Route 660, from 0.50 Mi. east of Route 11 to Warren Co. Line, length 0.10 mile.

Route 748, from 1.00 Mi. west of Int. Route 42 to Int. Route 781, length 0.10 mile.

Route 689, from 0.70 Mi. west of Route 694 to present dead end, length 0.20 mile.

Route 728, from the N. Int. of Route 729 to 0.12 Mi. west of Route 720, length 0.58 miles.

Route 698, from 0.50 Mi. east of Route 11 to Route 699, length 0.40 miles.

Route 684, from Int. Route 575 to 0.40 Mi. south, length 0.40 mile.

Route 673, from 1.00 mile east of Route 674 to present dead end, length 0.50 mile.

Route 648, from 0.68 mile west of the East Int. of Route 644 to 2.25 miles west of the East Int. of Route 644, length 1.61 miles.

Route 708, from 0.25 mile west of Route 698 to 0.90 Mi. east of Route 11, length 0.55 mile.

**Henry County**

Route 817, from Route 58 to Route 107, length 0.55 mile.

Route 664, from Route 750 to dead end, length 0.30 mile.

Route 633, from Route 632 to Route 636, length 2.00 miles.

Route 665, from 1.15 Mi. west Route 609 to Route 657, length 1.15 miles.

Route 669, from Route 220 to 0.25 mile west Route 220, length 0.25 mile.

Route 630, from Route 629 to 1.30 Mi. North Int. Route 629, length 1.30 miles.

Route 718, from 1.50 Mi. south Int. Rt. 698 to dead end, length 0.20 mile.

Route 682, old location from north Int. Route 685 to south Int. Route 685, length 0.20 mile.

**Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Hysor, that the request of Mr. John P. Harvey, Contractor, Lynchburg, Virginia, for an extension of time and return of liquidated damages on Project 1515-06-08, Route 500, Campbell County, be not granted, as recommended by the Department's engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the annual budget for the Revenue Bond Act Projects, for the fiscal year September 1, 1953, through August 31, 1954, be approved as presented to the Commission, as follows:

General Administration	\$ 79,000.00
Chesapeake Ferries	1,868,200.00
James River Bridge System	203,500.00
Geo. P. Coleman Memorial Bridge	84,000.00
Reimbursement of Federal Tax	50,000.00
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TOTAL	\$1,794,700.00

Motion carried.

The Annual Report on the Condition and Operation of the State Revenue Bond Act Projects for the fiscal year 1952-1953, submitted by Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and McDonald, was brought to the attention of the Commission; copy having been mailed to the Members on July 17.

Whereas, the State Highway Commission adopted a resolution on March 24, 1953, for a plan to finance land approaches and shallow water work on the proposed Rappahannock River Bridge between Grey's Point and White Stone (Route 200, Project 3459) by advancing State funds sufficient, subject to reimbursement from the proceeds of sale of bonds on or about September 1, 1954, provided this could be legally done and had the approval of the Governor, and whereas, the Attorney General has advised that the Governor has the authority to authorize an appropriation from unappropriated highway funds if the provisions of Section 45 of the Appropriation Act of 1952 are complied with; and whereas, the Governor, by his letter of May 8, 1953, has approved and authorized an appropriation of \$1,750,000 from unappropriated highway funds as an advance; and whereas, the books of the Highway Department now show as of June 30, 1953, before final closing for the fiscal year 1952-53, that a balance of not less than \$2,569,582 of heretofore unappropriated highway funds will remain after final closing of the year; now, therefore, be it resolved, by the State Highway Commission that this appropriation of \$1,750,000 be, and the same hereby is, allocated as an advance of highway funds to the construction of the Rappahannock River Bridge. This advance is not a contribution under the terms of the State Revenue Bond Act and when bonds are sold to finance the entire cost of this project, funds hereby advanced will be repaid.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that whereas, a study conducted by the Traffic and Planning Division indicates that when school is again in session the volume of traffic on Route 58 west of Danville between Church Avenue and Bromley Drive will justify sidewalk construction; now, therefore, be it resolved, that there be appropriated from the Construction Reserve of the Lynchburg District the sum of \$10,000 to construct approximately 0.77 mile of sidewalk on Route 58 from Church Avenue to Bromley Drive. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the section of Route 50, Arlington Boulevard, from its junction with the Pentagon Network at Arlington Ridge Road (Sta. 0/55.7 of old Project 501-D, new Project 1900, Arlington County) west to the Fairfax Traffic Circle (Sta. 649/55.1 old Project 501-ER, new Project 1929, Fairfax County) be, and hereby is, designated as a Limited Access Highway, in accordance with Section 33-57 et seq. of the 1950 Code of Virginia. Motion carried.

The Commission was further advised concerning progress on the legislative studies now being made - Prison Labor, Washington Metropolitan Area, (Weights) Load Limits, Secondary Funds to Counties operating their own highways, Toll Roads and Outdoor Advertising.

A memorandum of July 7 written by the Commissioner on his observations on a motor trip to Mackinaw City, Michigan, and return, was read to the Commission.

Further reference was given the Commission on the prize winning essays and awards in the General Motors Better Highways contest, copy of which booklet was mailed to the Commission July 21.

Copy of a letter from the City of Martinsville of July 24 to Resident Engineer Howard was before the Commission. The City waived a charge for a summons of its fire equipment to a piece of equipment being used in connection with construction work on Route 280 near Double Branch Bridge.

A report on Deletions from the Primary System was presented to each member of the Commission.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the 1953-1954 Culpeper District Allocations be changed to read:

Route 20	Orange County, Town of Orange, Supplemental Allocation for Southern Railway Underpass	\$25,000.00
	(Instead of \$100,000.00)	

Route 15	Orange County, N. of Gordonsville-North, Supplemental Allocation for continuing construction	75,000.00
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and that a new allocation be made next year for the Southern Railway Underpass on Route 20. Motion carried.

Each member of the Commission was asked for comments and suggestions. Mr. Wyncor thought the hearing held this morning on the Hampton Roads Tunnel-Bridge Project was excellent; Senator Nelson interested in the discontinuance of trucks hauling live stock parking all night on the highways especially from a humane standpoint. He was advised to have the Commonwealth's Attorney contact the Commissioner, who in turn would have the matter looked into.

Suggestions were made relative to meetings of the Commission being held approximately every two months, and such other special called meetings as are necessary. It was decided that the Commissioner would send to the members a questionnaire fully covering this subject.

The 1955 V.M.I.-Highway Conference being scheduled for October 14, 15 and 16, the Commission will hold its next meeting in Lexington on October 15.

A verbal report on the Department's revenues was given the Commission.

WHEREAS, Project 2098-04, Route 52, Wythe County, has been constructed, and C. E. Shepherd and wife and John S. Akers and wife conveyed the project right of way along their lands to the Commonwealth by deeds dated June 13th, 1950, and July 11th, 1950, respectively, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 153, Pages 281 and 282, respectively, the said deed from John S. Akers and wife having also conveyed a residue parcel of land lying between the former location of Route 52, along the lands of C. E. Shepherd, and the said right of way - a portion of said residue parcel of land at the Northwest corner thereof having been conveyed by the Commonwealth to Edd Jennings and wife on account of Project 2098-06 by deed dated April 18th, 1952, and presumed to have been or to be recorded in the said Clerk's Office; said right of way and residue parcel of land are as shown on Plan Sheets 13, 14 and 15, whereas, in connection with Project 1698-02-05, Route 11, Wythe County, C. E. Shepherd and wife executed an agreement dated April 16th, 1953, providing for the conveyance of the project right of way along their property to the Commonwealth, as shown on Plan Sheet 17 for certain considerations, including the conveyance by the Commonwealth to C. E. Shepherd of the remaining portion of said residue parcel of land on Project 2098-04 not needed to be retained; whereas, the section of the former location of Route 52, Project 2098-04, along the Shepherd property was abandoned by the State Highway Commission in accordance with Section 35-76.5 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, by a resolution adopted and duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on March 25th, 1952; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the said abandoned section of former location of Route 52 and the major portion of the remainder of the said residue parcel of land are no longer necessary for the



uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, and has recommended that these be conveyed to C. E. Shepherd in accordance with agreement; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 33-76.6 of the said Code, as amended, the conveyance to C. E. Shepherd of the said abandoned section of the former location of Route 52, together with the remaining portion of the said residue parcel of land not needed to be retained to afford access to the adjacent Jennings property, is hereby approved, with special warranty of title, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly, in exchange for or subsequent to the conveyance to the Commonwealth of the right of way for Project 1698-02-05, Route 11, along the Shepherd property.

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the building restriction contained in deed from LeRoy Eakin to the Commonwealth dated April 21, 1950, for right of way required for Route 50, Project 501, Fairfax County, is no longer needed for the uses of the State Highway System; now, therefore, be it resolved, that in accordance with Section 33-76.6, 1950 Code as amended, the State Highway Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to execute in the name of the Commonwealth, a deed of quitclaim and release of said restriction unto the said LeRoy Eakin and his successors in title.

WHEREAS, a section of Route 222 in Lancaster County has been relocated and constructed, together with a connection with Route 666, as shown on Sheet 6 of plans for Project 625L-01, and in connection therewith, the Commonwealth acquired the project rights of way, together with two certain residue parcels of land from L. E. Headloy and wife and Archibald Thomas Tigo, widower, by deeds dated April 14th, 1951 and July 25, 1951, respectively, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Books 91 and 95, Pages 443 and 45, respectively, and in connection with said project, the Commonwealth acquired certain right of way for said connection with Route 666 from P. L. Northern by deed dated April 5th, 1951, and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 91 at Page 445; whereas, the said two residue parcels of land lie West and North of the said project rights of way and East of and adjacent to the center of the former location of Route 222, the latter being along the property line of P. L. Northern, who is the owner of the lands abutting upon the major portion of said residue parcels of land, and who has offered the sum of Twenty-seven (\$27.00) Dollars for the same; said to contain 0.27 acrs, more or less; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that it is no longer necessary to retain any portion of the said two residue parcels of land, or section of the former location of Route 222 abutting thereupon, for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, and has recommended that the portions of said residue parcels of land abutting upon the lands of P. L. Northern be released and quitclaimed to him for the sum of Twenty-seven (\$27.00) Dollars; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 33-76.5 of the Code

of Virginia, as amended, the said section of the former location of Route 222 lying outside of the rights of way to be retained for the relocation of Route 222 and connection with Route 666 is hereby abandoned, and as provided for by Section 53-76.6 of the said Code, as amended, the release and quitclaim to P. L. Northern of the portion of the said section abandoned, together with the portions of said residue parcels of land abutting upon the lands of P.L. Northern, is hereby approved and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly for the sum of Twenty-seven (\$27.00) Dollars.

WHEREAS, in connection with Project 1698-04, Route 11, Wythe County, J. L. Gleaves, Sr., and Norton S. Gleaves, his wife, conveyed all of a certain parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, to the Commonwealth by deed dated March 15th, 1953, recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 141, Page 87, the major portion of said parcel of land lying South of the 160 foot project right of way, upon both of which is located a brick dwelling; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the major portion of said parcel of land lying outside of said right of way is no longer necessary for the use of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, and the same, together with the said dwelling, has been duly authorized for sale, and Roger Bare submitted the high bid in the sum of Thirty-Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,550.00), which the State Highway Commissioner deemed reasonable, and who recommends that the said dwelling and major portion of said parcel of land outside of said right of way be conveyed to Roger Bare for the sum bid; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the said major portion of said parcel of land lying outside of said right of way, together with the said dwelling, to Roger Bare, with special warranty of title, is hereby approved, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly, in exchange for the sum of Thirty-Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,550.00), and after the portion of the said dwelling and appurtenances have been removed from said right of way by and at the cost of Roger Bare.

WHEREAS, a section of Route 207 in Caroline County has been relocated and constructed in accordance with plans for Project 3616-03 and the Commonwealth has negotiated an agreement with F. W. Campbell and his wife providing, in part, for the conveyance of the project 110 foot right of way over their property to the Commonwealth in exchange for the conveyance to them by the Commonwealth of a certain residue parcel of land, all as shown on Project Plan Sheets 4 and 5, the latter, together with certain right of way, having been conveyed to the Commonwealth by Ella G. Campbell, widow, et al, by deed dated June 28th, 1950, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 132, Page 145, the said residue parcel of land lying East of Station 322/80 to Station 329/50, approximately; whereas,

F. W. Campbell is the owner of the lands abutting upon and along the East side of said residue parcel, the East line of which is in and along the center of the former location of Route 207, and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that this residue parcel and section of the former location of Route 207 abutting upon the same are no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, and has recommended that these be conveyed to F. W. Campbell; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 53-78.5 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the section of the former location of Route 207 lying outside of the said 110 foot project right of way and abutting upon the lands of F. W. Campbell is hereby abandoned, and as provided for by Section 53-78.6 of the said Code, as amended, the conveyance of said section abandoned, together with said residue parcel, all outside of the said right of way East of Station 522/60 to Station 522/60, approximately, to F. W. Campbell, with special warranty of title, is hereby approved, and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly, in exchange for or subsequent to the conveyance to be made by F. W. Campbell and his wife to the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lancaster County held on the 3rd day of June, 1955, a resolution was adopted and duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting in the following words:

"This day, W. Victor Richardson, appeared and exhibited a photostatic copy of a plat showing a proposed exchange of property near the end of old Route #5 between him and the State Highway Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Further, the said W. Victor Richardson tendered a deed of general warranty covering that portion which is to be conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia as shown on said plat in red, which he offered to leave with the Board until such time as the Highway Department delivers a deed to the Board conveying the portion as shown on said plat in green, and it further being shown that the exchange is an equal exchange and probably will give a more suitable piece of land to the highway system for parking, etc. Therefore, be it resolved, that in accordance with Title 53, Article 6, 2 of the Code of 1950, as amended, that portion of old Route 5, now Route 595, as shown by a photostat of a plat of survey designated as Project #712-C, Sheet 4 and outlined in green, be, and the same is hereby declared abandoned and the clerk is hereby ordered to submit a copy of the preamble and the resolution to the Department of Highways for such action as they may take in making the exchange before described, and the clerk is further ordered to hold the deed of bargain and sale from W. Victor Richardson and wife in escrow until such time as the State Highway Commissioner delivers a deed to him conveying that portion outlined as aforesaid in green to the said W. Victor Richardson."

WHEREAS, W. Victor Richardson and his wife conveyed that portion of their property referred to in the above recited resolution as shown in red on plat, to the Commonwealth by deed dated June 1st, 1955, to be recorded in the Clerk's Office of Lancaster County contemporaneously with the deed herein authorized to be executed in the name

of the Commonwealth; whereas, no person or persons reside upon or along the portion of old Route 5, now Route 695, abandoned by the above recited resolution and outlined in green on the plat therein referred to; and W. Victor Richardson is the sole owner of the land abutting upon the said portion abandoned, and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the use of the same is no longer deemed necessary; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.11 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the State Highway Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a deed releasing and quitclaiming unto W. Victor Richardson all of the right, title and interest of the Commonwealth in and to the abovesaid abandoned portion of old Route 5, now Route 695, being a part of the strip or parcel of land conveyed to the Commonwealth by B. H. B. Hubbard and Bennis F. George and others by deed dated March 30th, 1953, and recorded in the abovesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 68, Page 452.

WHEREAS, in connection with Alternate Route 56, Project 2597-12, St. Paul, Wise County, the Commonwealth acquired all of a certain parcel of land, with improvements thereon, from S. V. Fuller and Virginia Fuller, his wife, by deed dated October 23rd, 1952, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 511, Page 549, said parcel of land being shown on Project Plan Sheet 3 and Plat R/W File No. 562; whereas, it is necessary for the Commonwealth to retain only the project fee simple right of way over and along the East side of said parcel of land, together with the right and easement to reconstruct and maintain the highway slopes as constructed upon and along the land adjacent thereto; and the Department of Highways has duly advertised for sale the residue portion of said parcel of land not needed to be retained, and V. J. Cook submitted the high bid in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purchase of the same, together with the improvements thereon; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that it is not necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, for the Commonwealth to retain the fee simple title in and to that portion of the said parcel of land lying outside of the project fee simple right of way, and has recommended that this portion, together with the improvements thereon, be conveyed to V. J. Cook for the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), subject to the right of the Commonwealth to retain the right and easement to reconstruct and maintain the slopes and/or other highway appurtenances as constructed upon and along the West side of said right of way; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the portion of the said parcel of land lying West of the project fee simple right of way, together with the improvements thereon, to V. J. Cook, with special warranty of title, for a consideration of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), is hereby approved, subject to the right and easement of the Commonwealth to reconstruct and maintain the slopes or other highway facilities as now constructed, and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

Whereas, in connection with a section of Route 29, Project 259-BR1, in Pittsylvania County, D. L. Gibson and his wife conveyed the project 66 foot right of way as shown on Plan Sheets 5 and 4 to the Commonwealth by deed dated November 9th, 1936, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 250, Page 525, the said section of Route 29 having been recently relocated and constructed in accordance with plans for Project 167L-10, and the Commonwealth has acquired the project 110 foot right of way as shown on Plan Sheets 5 and 6, together with a certain triangular parcel of land lying between the East line of said 110 foot right of way and the West line of said 66 foot right of way, from the lands of David Lee Gibson (the same as D. L. Gibson), by friendly condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court of said County, the Report of Commissioners and Final Order therein being duly recorded in the said Clerk's Office; whereas, during the said proceedings, representatives of the Commonwealth stated to the Court and other parties at interest that they would recommend that the portion of the said 66 foot right of way outside of the said 110 foot right of way and abutting upon the remaining lands of D. L. Gibson be conveyed to him without monetary consideration, the said portion of 66 foot right of way being located from the lands of A. C. Gibson, et al, on the North from Station 1370/57 to the East line of said 110 foot right of way on the South at or near Station 1381/50, Plan Sheets 5 and 4, Project 259-BR1, and Station 1370/30 to Station 1389/33, Plan Sheets 5 and 6, Project 167L-10; whereas, the said portion of 66 foot right of way and former location of Route 29 abutting upon the remaining lands of D. L. Gibson was discontinued by resolution adopted by this Commission pursuant to Section 33-76.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, at the meeting held on November 6th, 1952; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that it is no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, for the Commonwealth to retain either the said portion of 66 foot right of way abutting upon the property of D. L. Gibson, as above described, or the said triangular parcel of land, the latter having been acquired to provide a suitable connection between the former location and relocation of Route 29, which is not to be constructed, and the Commissioner has recommended that the said portion of 66 foot right of way and said triangular parcel of land be conveyed to D. L. Gibson; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 33-76.5 of the said Code, as amended, the said portion of 66 foot right of way and former location of Route 29 abutting upon the lands of D. L. Gibson, as above described, is hereby abandoned, and as provided for by Section 33-76.6 of the said Code, as amended, the release and quitclaim of the said portion abandoned, together with the said triangular parcel of land, to D. L. Gibson is hereby approved, and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

WHEREAS, in or about the year 1950 the Department of Highways proposed to relocate and construct a section of Route 635 in Buckingham County, in accordance with a survey and plat made by R. Q. Dodl, C.E., dated January 27th, 1951, which plat is annexed to as a part of deed dated February 15th, 1951, from Sarah J. Bowling and E. H. Bowling, her husband, to the Commonwealth, recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 58, Page 118; whereas, the said deed and a deed of the same date from The Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia, recorded in said Deed Book 53, Page 112, conveyed, with general warranty of title, the rights of way for said proposed relocation as shown on said plat, the said conveyances having been made without actual payment or delivery of any considerations; whereas, the said section of Route 635 has not been relocated and constructed upon the said rights of way and the Department of Highways now proposes to relocate and construct a portion of this section upon another location, and these rights of way will not be required therefor, or for any other public road uses or purposes; whereas, at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham County held on May 4th, 1955, a resolution was adopted and duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting, requesting the Department of Highways to convey to E. H. Bowling and the Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia the lands which they conveyed to the Commonwealth by the said deeds, and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that it is no longer necessary for the Commonwealth to retain or make use of the said rights of way and lands; now, therefore, since the said rights of way and lands were conveyed to the Commonwealth without payment or delivery of any considerations, and the same are not required for the purpose for which they were conveyed, the conveyance of these rights of way to Sarah J. Bowling and/or E. H. Bowling and the Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia as conveyed by each, with special warranty of title, is hereby approved; and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver deeds accordingly.

WHEREAS, in connection with Route 78, Project 3297-07, in Wise County, the Virginia Coal and Iron Company has agreed to convey the necessary project right of way to the Commonwealth, subject to certain reservations, with respect to the mineral substances thereunder and the removal of the same, in exchange for the quitclaim by the Commonwealth to the Company of those sections of the old location of Route 78 which abut upon the Company's lands and lie outside of said right of way, as shown on Project Plan Sheets 8 and 10; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that upon the completion of the project construction upon and within said right of way, the said sections of the old location of Route 78, lying outside of the said right of way, will no longer be necessary for the uses of the State Highway System nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, and has recommended that the said sections then be deemed abandoned, and that the sections then be released and quitclaimed to the Virginia Coal and Iron Company; now, therefore, when the project construction

shall have been completed upon and within the right of way to be conveyed to the Commonwealth by the Virginia Coal and Iron Company, and opened to public use, the sections of the old location of Route 78, lying outside of the said right of way and abutting upon the lands of The Virginia Coal and Iron Company, shall be deemed abandoned as provided for by Section 33-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and when so abandoned, the release and quitclaim of the said sections to The Virginia Coal and Iron Company shall be deemed to have been approved, and the State Highway Commissioner authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly, in exchange for or subsequent to the conveyance of the said right of way to the Commonwealth by a deed satisfactory to the State Highway Commissioner, as provided for by Section 33-76.6 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

WHEREAS, in connection with Route 78, Project 3297-03-04-05-06, in Wise County, the Virginia Coal and Iron Company has agreed to convey the necessary project right of way to the Commonwealth, subject to certain reservations, with respect to the mineral substances thereunder and the removal of the same, in exchange for the quitclaim by the Commonwealth to the Company of those sections of the old location of Route 78 which abut upon the lands of the Company and lie outside of said right of way, as shown on Project Plan Sheets 9 and 10; whereas, the project construction has been completed and opened to public use, and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the sections of the former location of Route 78, abutting upon the lands of the Virginia Coal and Iron Company and lying outside of the project right of way to be conveyed by it to the Commonwealth, are deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto and has recommended that these sections be abandoned and released and quitclaimed to the Company in exchange for the conveyance by the Company to the Commonwealth of the necessary project right of way, now, therefore, the said sections of the former location of Route 78 are hereby abandoned as provided for by Section 33-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and the release and quitclaim of the said sections to the Virginia Coal and Iron Company is hereby approved, and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly, in exchange for a suitable deed from the Company conveying the necessary project right of way to the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the State Highway Commission held on the 26th day of May, 1953, a resolution was adopted and duly recorded in the minutes of the said meeting, approving and authorizing the release and quitclaim of a portion of a certain parcel of land lying outside of the 160 foot right of way of Route 258, Project 1888-A1, and adjoining the East line of right of way to be retained for connection former Route 613 with Route 258, formerly in Elizabeth City County, now in the City of Hampton, to the owner or owners of the lands abutting upon the said parcel of land; and whereas, the said resolution as adopted was based upon the conclusion that the said connection and

section of former Route 615 shown on Project Plan Sheet 4 as being upon the said parcel of land was in public use, and that it would be necessary to continue such use; and whereas, the said conclusion was erroneous, the use of said connection and section of former Route 615 for road or street purposes having ceased before or after the incorporation of Elizabeth City County as a part of the City of Hampton; and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the portion of said parcel of land retained for the said connection and section of former Route 615 is deemed no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto (the adjacent 160 foot right of way of Route 258 now being a part of the Street System of the City of Hampton); and whereas, A. T. Brout acquired the lands abutting upon the said parcel of land by deed dated June 10, 1953, and admitted to record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Hampton on the 25th day of July, 1953, and in view of the premises and at the request of A. T. Brout's Attorney, the State Highway Commissioner deemed it proper to execute a deed dated June 30th, 1953, releasing and quitclaiming the said parcel of land, containing 0.15 acre, more or less, to A. T. Brout, and to deliver the same to his Attorney for a cash consideration of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); now, therefore, the said resolution adopted at the meeting held on May 26th, 1953, is hereby amended to approve, authorize, ratify and confirm the release and quitclaim of the said parcel of land, containing 0.15 acre, more or less, to A. T. Brout by the said deed dated June 30th, 1953, and the action of the State Highway Commissioner in executing and delivering said deed.

WHEREAS, by deed executed on March 5th, 1943, the United States of America, through and by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, released and quitclaimed unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, subject to certain easements, etc., and conditions, all of the right, title and interest of the United States of America in and to two certain parcels of land comprising the Mecklenburg Wayside Recreational Demonstration Area in Mecklenburg County, one of the said parcels of land containing 40.6 acres, more or less, being situated on the West and North side of U. S. Route 1 and the other, containing 2.6 acres, more or less, being situated on the East and South side of U.S. Route 1; whereas, the said deed was officially accepted by the State Highway Commissioner, pursuant to Sections 33-133 and 33-134 of the Code of Virginia, and is recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Book 117, Page 171; whereas, the County School Board of Mecklenburg County desires that a certain portion of Parcel 1 of the said lands containing 40.6 acres, more or less, situated as aforesaid, be released and quitclaimed to it for public school and educational purposes; whereas, Public Law 138, 85rd Congress, Chapter 230, 1st Session, approved July 20, 1953, authorizes the conveyance to the School Board of Mecklenburg County that portion of the said lands situated on the West and North side of U. S. Route 1, comprising approximately 40 acres (which is Parcel 1 of the said lands, containing 40.6 acres, more or less)



and that any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the Commonwealth of Virginia are released as to the particular lands (Parcel 1) authorized to be conveyed; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that it is no longer necessary to retain for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, that portion of Parcel 1 of the said lands which lies West and North of a line measured 120 feet from the West and North line of the existing 80 foot right of way of U. S. Route 1, and has recommended that this portion be released and quitclaimed to the County School Board of Mecklenburg County; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the release and quitclaim of all of the right, title and interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and to that portion of said Parcel 1 lying West and north of a line measured 120 feet from the West and North Line of the existing 80 foot right of way of U. S. Route 1 to the County School Board of Mecklenburg County, for a nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), is hereby approved, and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

WHEREAS, the United States of America, Department of the Navy, and the Department of Highways entered into an Agreement dated October 25, 1952, with respect to the construction, replacement, abandonment, release and quitclaim of certain secondary roads embraced within lands acquired by the United States for the expansion of the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pentress, Norfolk County, and the United States has constructed replacement secondary road facilities in lieu of the portions of secondary roads embraced within said lands; whereas, at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Norfolk County held on July 21, 1953, a resolution was adopted and duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting abandoning, in accordance with Section 55-76.12 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the following Sections of former secondary roads totaling 2.93 miles in length; Route 616 - between Route 636 and east intersection of Route 616, a length of 1.13 miles; Route 618 - between North intersection of Route 616 and Primary Route 165, a length of 1.70 miles; and Route 764 - running east off Route 616 a distance of 0.10 mile to newly located Route 618 - 0.10 mile; whereas, the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that no person or persons now reside upon or along any portion of the said roads abandoned, totaling 2.93 Miles in length and that the same are no longer necessary for public road uses or purposes; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.11 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the release and quitclaim of the three sections of former secondary roads abandoned, Routes 616, 618 and 764, a total of 2.93 miles in length, to the United States of America, is hereby approved and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly, and in fulfillment of the obligation of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the United States of America, by reason of said Agreement dated October 25, 1952.

WHEREAS, in connection with Project 2520-02-05, Route 560, in Chesterfield County, the Commonwealth acquired certain project right of way together with two residue parcels of land abutting upon and along the northwest side thereof, from G. R. Ward, et ux, and G. G. Henderson, et ux, by deeds dated July 5, 1950, and June 25, 1950, respectively, and recorded in the Clerk's office of said County in Deed Books 405 and 372, respectively, at Pages 155 and 365, respectively, and also acquired a portion of said right of way from J. E. Seward, et ux, by deed dated July 5, 1950, and recorded in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 388, at Page 581, said rights of way and residue parcels being shown on project plan Sheets 4 and 5; whereas, J. E. Seward and Mamie L. Seward, his wife, own jointly the lands abutting upon and along the northwest side of said residue parcels, Station 584/20 to Station 371/00, approximately, and desire to acquire said residue parcels in order that the southeast side of their lands may abut at all places upon and along said Project right of way, and they have offered the sum of \$350.00 for said residue parcels, said to contain 0.64 acre, more or less, together with the improvements thereon, whereas, the said offer is deemed reasonable and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the said residue parcels are not necessary for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto and has recommended that the same be conveyed to J. E. Seward and Mamie L. Seward, jointly, or to either; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the said residue parcels of land to J. E. Seward and Mamie L. Seward, his wife, jointly, or to either with special warranty of title, is hereby approved and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

WHEREAS, in connection with Project 174-R-1, Route 60, through Cloverdale Subdivision, in Chesterfield County, the Commonwealth acquired all of Lot 209 from Grace E. Downshire, et vir, all of Lot 210 from John T. Pollard, et als, and all of Lots 211 and 212 from R. G. Goodwyn, et ux, by deeds dated, December 11, 1951, September 24, 1948 and June 30, 1953, respectively, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County in Deed Books 595, 509 and 423, at Pages 182, 567 and 564, respectively, said lots being shown on project Plan Sheet 5; whereas, J. B. Morrison is the owner of the portion of Lot 208 lying along and north of the project 110 foot right of way, he and his wife having conveyed said right of way across said Lot 208 to the Commonwealth by deed dated April 1, 1946, and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 297, at Page 550, and he desires that the Commonwealth convey to his son-in-law and daughter, Irwin W. McGee and Ruby M. McGee, the residue portions of said Lots 208, 210, 211 and 212, lying along and north of said right of way, and has offered the sum of \$900.00 for the same; whereas, the said sum of \$900.00 offered is deemed reasonable and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that the said residue portions are no longer necessary for the uses of the State Highway System nor for right of way or purposes incidental thereto, and

has recommended that these portions be conveyed to Irvin W. McGee and Ruby M. McGee; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the residue portions of said Lots 209, 210, 211 and 212, lying along and north of the said project 110 foot right of way, to Irvin W. McGee and Ruby M. McGee as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, with special warranty of title, for a consideration of \$800.00, is hereby approved and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

WHEREAS, by deed dated January 4, 1940, the Commonwealth acquired five (5) certain lots or parcels of land, situate at the Southwest corner of 12th Street and Washington Street, in the Town of Wytheville, from Dora E. Dickerson, widow, for Wytheville Residency Headquarters purposes, said deed being recorded in the Clerk's Office of Wythe County in Deed Book 102, at Page 257; whereas, in 1952 the Commonwealth acquired a certain tract of land containing about 7.0 acres about 2 miles west of Wytheville which was deemed by the Department of Highways to be more suitable for Residency Headquarters purposes; whereas, the Town of Wytheville desires to purchase the old Headquarters' property in the Town and has offered the sum of \$2,750.00 for the same, together with the fences and buildings thereon, the latter having practically no salvage value to the Commonwealth, and the State Highway Commissioner has recommended that this property be conveyed to the Town of Wytheville for the sum offered and has certified in writing that said property is no longer needed for any uses or purposes in connection with the public highways and roads of the Commonwealth under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Commission and/or Department of Highways; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 55-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the conveyance of the said old Residency Headquarters' property, consisting of the said five (5) lots or parcels of land, with the fences and buildings thereon, to the Town of Wytheville, with special warranty of title, for the sum of \$2,750.00, is hereby approved, and the Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

WHEREAS, in connection with Route 147, Project 472D-02, in Chesterfield County, the Commonwealth acquired (a) a portion of the project right of way, together with a residue parcel of land lying between said right of way and Route 147 as then located, from L. G. Larus and wife, by deed dated December 15, 1950, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of said county in Deed Book 379, at Page 226, and (b) a portion of the project right of way from the heirs of J. O. Tuck, deceased, by deed dated January 9, 1951, and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 395, at Page 17, said residue parcel being as shown on project plan sheet 5, opposite Station 160+40 to 184+30, approximately, and said to contain 0.37 acre, more or less; whereas, the remaining property of the heirs of J. O. Tuck, deceased, abuts upon and along the southside of the former location of Route 147, and is separated from the new location of Route 147, now constructed and

opened to public use, by said residue parcel; whereas, Mauds T. Barnhardt was one of the said heirs of J. O. Tuck, deceased, who executed the said deed dated January 9, 1951, and she has advised the Department of Highways that the remaining property is being divided and that she is to become the owner of a certain portion thereof, abutting upon and along a certain portion of the former location of Route 147, and said residue parcel and that her mother, the widow of J. O. Tuck, deceased, or one or more of his other heirs will become the owner or owners of the remaining portion of said property abutting upon and along said former location and residue parcel, and these parties desire that the Commonwealth release and quitclaim to them the portions of said residue parcel which will abut upon and along the lands they have acquired or will acquire, and have agreed to pay the sum of \$225.00 for said residue parcel; whereas, the section of the former location of Route 147, abutting upon and along said residue parcel and property was abandoned by the State Highway Commission, in accordance with Section 53-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, at the meeting held on November 6, 1952; whereas, the said sum of \$225.00 is deemed reasonable for said residue parcel of land and the State Highway Commissioner has certified in writing that this parcel is no longer needed for the uses of the State Highway System, nor for highway or purposes incidental thereto, and has recommended that the same be released and quitclaimed to the owner or owners of the abutting property; now, therefore, as provided for by Section 53-76.6 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the release and quitclaim of the said residue parcel of land, or portions thereof, to the party or parties obtaining or having title to the lands abutting upon the same, is hereby approved and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized to execute and deliver a deed accordingly.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that whereas, the County of Warwick legally became the City of Warwick on July 16, 1952, and whereas, the City Council of Warwick, by resolution of August 12, 1952, requested the Highway Commission to continue the handling of the expenditure of highway funds allotted to the County of Warwick for primary roads prior to its incorporation as a city on July 16, 1952, just as if the County of Warwick had not become a city, until the 30th day of June 1953, and whereas, the Commissioner, by letter of August 19, 1952, addressed to the City Manager approved this request, and whereas, the City Council of Warwick, by resolution of July 15, 1953, has requested the Highway Commission to recognize the city status as of July 1, 1953, and authorize payment for the primary extensions and other eligible streets in accordance with Sections 53-115 and 53-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Highway Commission hereby recognizes the eligibility of the City of Warwick for the payment of funds, and be it further resolved, that such payment be based on 51.04 miles of Primary extensions in accordance with Section 53-115 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and 115.74 miles of other city streets in accordance with Section 53-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, being the mileage checked by our engineers. Eligibility for payment to become effective, in both cases, as of the beginning of the first quarter, July 1, 1953. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. May, that whereas, the County of Elizabeth City legally became a part of the new City of Hampton on July 1, 1952; and whereas, the City Council of Hampton, by resolution of July 1, 1952, requested the State Department of Highways to continue handling the expenditures of allotted highway funds to the County of Elizabeth City, just as if the said County had not become a city until the 30th day of June 1953, and whereas, this request was granted by a letter of the Commissioner of July 7, 1952, to the Clerk of the City Council; and whereas, the Council of the City of Hampton, by resolution of July 22, 1953, has requested the Highway Commission to recognize the former County of Elizabeth City as a part of the new City of Hampton and, effective July 1, 1953, to make payment for eligible city streets in accordance with Sections 55-113 and 55-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended; in addition to the funds now being paid for streets of the former City of Hampton and the former Town of Phoebus, under said sections of the Code; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the State Highway Commission hereby recognizes the former County of Elizabeth City as a part of the City of Hampton for the payment of funds for eligible streets; and be it further resolved, that such payment be based on 43.73 miles of Primary extensions, in accordance with Section 55-113 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and on the 112.64 miles of other streets which have been checked by our engineers in accordance with Section 55-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. Eligibility for payment to become effective, in both cases, as of the beginning of the first quarter, July 1, 1953. Motion carried.

At 9:00 A.M. the Commission hold a public hearing on the proposed Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Project, invitations having been sent to the officials of the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Warwick and members of the General Assembly representing these municipalities.

The Chairman read to the assembly his statement on the Project; and Mr. Burton Marye, Jr., Assistant Chief Engineer, then read his statement, both of which had been mimeographed and were passed to all those present. Mr. Marye's statement contained some questions and answers which have been asked and answered many times, and which it was felt those present should be aware of. (A full report of this hearing is on record, having been made by a court reporter).

Mr. James G. Crenshaw, Mayor of Hampton, read two resolutions adopted by the City Council, and presented them to the Commission for the record. The City of Hampton is opposed to a package deal and to Line 8 as it strikes practically the center of Hampton, and would be interested in the utilization of Route 258 as an approach road.

Mr. J. C. Higgins, City Manager, Newport News, read three resolutions he was instructed by the Council to present to the Commission and they were given to the secretary to be made a part of the record.

Mayor Fred Duckworth of Norfolk read a resolution which the Norfolk group hoped would be acceptable to all the cities involved.

Mayor Fred A. Duke of Portsmouth thanked the Commission for the privilege of being heard and heartily endorsed the resolution presented by Norfolk City.

Mr. J. C. Morris, City Manager of the City of Warwick, stated he wanted to go on record as endorsing the construction of the Hampton Roads Project; using Route 258 as an approach road.

A large delegation was present among which were Senators and Members of the House of Delegates from the affected area. Mr. Lewis A. McMurren, Jr., gave a clear and concise statement on the 1940 and 1950 Revenue Bond Acts. Senator Robert F. Baldwin, Jr., expressed the need of and opportunity to get a desirable project in the Norfolk area. Senator Victor Wilson was interested in seeing the project materialize and hoped it would be possible to get along with the prosecution of the work that would promote comfort and profit to the people of that area. Mayor Crenshaw stated that he was definitely against any further toll facilities.

J. A. Anderson stated that he felt the hearing had been of tremendous help to the Commission and the thoughts and efforts of those present had not been in vain. He stated that the use of Federal funds had been fully explored and not a cent found available. When all those who wished to be heard or to ask any questions were not desirous of further hearing the Commissioner asked that they hold a joint meeting among themselves and present to the Commission, if possible, a joint resolution, and suggested Senator Baldwin as Chairman of the group meeting.

The Highway Commission then returned to its executive session.

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the several Hampton Roads communities are not fully represented at this meeting; and whereas, additional information concerning the Hampton Roads Bridge and Tunnel Project has been presented to the representatives of these communities for the first time, which should be considered by the Councils of the cities of the Hampton Roads area; and whereas, it is desirable that the following resolutions be submitted to these governing bodies for their consideration and prompt ratification, if approved by them;

**\*RESOLVED**, that the Highway Commission proceed forthwith with the construction of a bridge-tunnel connection between Hampton and Willoughby Spit on the line known as Line 8, subject to such modifications of Line 8 as the Commission may determine, but inclusive of the high speed approach road between Oyster Point and Hampton, preferably toll free, if feasible; and resolved further, that the Highway Commission is hereby requested to refrain from financing or contracting for any project included in the State Revenue Bond Act not now fully complete unless and until the construction of a bridge-tunnel connection between Hampton and Willoughby is assured.\*

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that copies of above resolutions be transmitted to the governing bodies of the affected communities for consideration and that their action thereon be transmitted to the Commission at the earliest possible date.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M., after which they left by automobile for Big Meadows. Due to other business Mr. Nysor returned to Pulaski.

While at Big Meadows there was a general discussion of a number of matters. The Commission decided that in general it would meet as nearly as practical on the Second Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December. Other meetings to be held on call and from time to time meetings will be held at central points in the eight Construction Districts.

Urgent need for increased highway revenue is recognized by the Members. Public Relations is considered of vital importance; especially with contractors, equipment dealers, material suppliers, and with officials and citizens of the various cities, counties and towns.

Reasonable right of way costs was discussed at length as well as the lessons to be learned from Sister States through travel by our engineers in the neighboring states.

Maintenance of traffic during construction and the effective methods used to prevent as little inconvenience as possible was considered. Location and Design Standards was discussed in view of the fact that cars are beginning to be equipped with a device for automatically dimming lights when an oncoming vehicle comes within range.

Virginia's standing in the Nation is admired at all levels. The good name of Virginia's government is priceless and the Highway System should be in the van. The value of Highways to Virginia in Education, Agriculture, Industry, Tourist Travel, Health, Recreation, etc. should be understood by all employees in order that they may all be good-will builders.

"The Good and Bad About Toll Roads" and "What it Costs to Run a Car", from Kiplinger Magazine, July 1955, was discussed, as well as Mr. Hadden's talk at the 1952 VML-Highway Conference.

The Commission adjourned on Thursday, July 30.

Approved -

  
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Commissioner.

Attested -

  
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Secretary.