

Minutes of Meeting of the State Highway Commission
of Virginia, Held in Richmond,
October 24, 1957.

At 9:00 o'clock, Thursday morning, October 24th, the Commission met in the Central Office Building, Richmond, Virginia. Present - Messrs. J. A. Anderson, E. P. Barrow, G. Wallace Carper, S. S. Flythe, S. D. May, Burgess E. Nelson, S. W. Rawls, Tucker G. Watkins, Jr., and Wm. A. Wright.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Rawls and seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the minutes of the meeting of October 8th, 1957, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission approve the permits issued from the October 8th meeting to October 24th, inclusive, as recorded in the Auditing Division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the permits cancelled from the October 8th meeting to October 24th, inclusive, as authorized June 25, 1947, and as recorded in the Department's records, be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Geo. D. Felix gave the Commission a full and detailed report on the progress being made on the plans for the proposed new office building, each member viewing a set of blue prints showing the progress to date. Mr. Felix recommended Scheme "D" of the several plans shown. After full consideration of costs, space, etc., to the Commission, it was moved by Mr. Flythe and seconded by Mr. Rawls, that Mr. Felix be authorized to pursue plan "D" further. Motion carried.

On motion made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the Chairman was instructed to forward to the Governor the Annual Report of the Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 1956-June 30, 1957; a copy of which will be mailed to each Member of the Commission at a later date.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 (c) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, a PUBLIC HEARING was held in the Garfield High School Auditorium near Woodbridge, Virginia, on August 7, 1957, concerning the proposed reconstruction of Route 1 and Interstate Route 401 from the intersection of Route 1 south of Triangle to the intersection of Route 350 north of Woodbridge, Prince William and Fairfax Counties, Project 0401-078-029 (old 8078-8029); WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the construction as planned, their statements being duly recorded and WHEREAS, the economic effects of the location and the proposed improvements have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of roadway along the location shown and designated as Line "A" on the map of the Department entitled "Proposed Interstate Highway Development Route 1, Interstate Route 401, Prince William and Fairfax Counties" be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that WHEREAS, under authority of Section 55-113.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, request is made by Town of Blackstone for payment at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually on additional streets meeting the required standards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that quarterly payments at the base rate of \$500 Per Mile annually be made to the Town of Blackstone on additional streets totaling 0.258 mile, effective beginning the second quarter, October 1, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Senator Nelson, that as provided under Article 6.1, Section 55-76.5 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner, the following section of old Route 58 in Mecklenburg County being no longer necessary for use as a highway it be abandoned to the extent of alteration: Section 1 shown on plat dated July 25, 1957, Project 1758-29-30-31. That as provided under Article 2, Section 55-27 of the 1950 Code, Amended, the following sections of the old Route be transferred from the Primary to the Secondary System: Sections 2, 3 and 4, all as shown on the plat referred to. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm its letter ballot action on bids received October 15, 1957, covering the purchase of Use and Occupancy Insurance on the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Crossing, from Benjamin B. Burroughs and Company, Norfolk, Va., for the three year premium amounting to \$49,045.60; effective November 1, 1957, this company having submitted the lowest acceptable bid meeting the requirements set forth in the Department's specifications. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis gave the Commission a full explanation of the Interstate System Route Numbering.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that, WHEREAS, the designation of route numbering for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways has been adopted by the American Association of State Highway Officials; BE IT RESOLVED, that the numbering of the Interstate System of Highways through Virginia be approved and described generally as follows: (AASHO-National numbering)

Interstate Route 95-From the Virginia-North Carolina State line south of Emporia via Petersburg and Richmond to the Virginia-District of Columbia line.

Interstate Route 81-From Bristol via Roanoke, Lexington, Staunton, and Strasburg to the Virginia-West Virginia State line northeast of Winchester.

Interstate Route 84-From the Virginia-West Virginia State line east of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, to Route 81 at or near Lexington, also from another point on Route 81 near Staunton via Richmond and Warwick, Hampton and Norfolk to Portsmouth.

Interstate Route 86-From a point on Route 81 near Strasburg to the Virginia-District of Columbia line.

Interstate Route 85-From the Virginia-North Carolina State line northeast of Henderson, North Carolina, to a point on Route 95 in Petersburg.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Senator Wright, that WHEREAS, the east leg of the Suffolk By-Pass (Route 58) has been opened, the location of Route 15 in the City of Suffolk has been re-routed, and the mileages on Primary Route extensions within the City of Suffolk have been relogged, it is requested by the City of Suffolk that adjustments for addition and deletion of streets subject to payment for maintenance be made effective beginning the third quarter, January 1, 1958, as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, that under authority of Section 58-115, of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the new east leg of the Suffolk By-Pass (Route 58) over Constance Road between Katherine Street and the ECL Suffolk, also the re-routing of Route 15, over Hall Avenue between South Saratoga Street and East Washington Street, also the adjustments due to the relogging of the Primary Route extensions in the City of Suffolk, a total of 0.245 mile be added to Primary System street extensions for payment to the City of Suffolk at the annual base rate of \$4000 per mile; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under authority of Section 58-115.2 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the portion of Constance Road traversed by the east leg of the Suffolk By-Pass (Route 58), between Katherine Street and the ECL Suffolk be deleted from the present allocation of payment, and the streets formerly traversed by Route 58, Orchard Avenue from Katherine Street to westend, Katherine Street from Constance Road to E. Pinner St. and E. Pinner Street from Katherine Street to the ECL Suffolk be added, making a net addition of 0.456 mile of other streets for payment at the annual base rate of \$500 per mile. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis made a statement to the Commission relative to the very satisfactory bids received October 16th, when bids were received on eleven (11) projects. He stated that not only is the Department pleased with the prices being received but also with the number of bidders on the various projects.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 16 for the construction of Project 1541-26-27, Route 614, 0.058 Mile S. Int. Route 651-Int. Route 550, Halifax County, to the low bidder, F. M. Arthur Construction Company, Rescue, Va., at the bid of \$91,924.20 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$101,100.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Barrow, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 16 for the construction of Project 2518-16-17-18, Route 5, 0.041 Mile E. of Int. Route 155 (Charles City C.H.)-2.272 Miles E. of Charles City C.H., Charles City County, to the low bidder, J. R. Houska Company, Inc., Norfolk, Va., at the bid of \$187,237.25, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$1,058.45 for work by State Forces and \$22,000.00 for Right of Way, making a total of approximately \$174,050.00 chargeable to this project, to be financed with \$87,550.00 State and \$86,500.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Carper, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 18 for the construction of Projects 8095-01 and 8395-01, Contract No. 1, Routes 402 and 407, 5.729 Miles E. Tenn. State Line-4.872 Miles E. Tenn. State Line AND NCL Bristol-0.895 Miles N. NCL Bristol (Spur Line), Washington County, to the low bidder, Helle L. Teer Company, Inc., Durham, N. C., at the bid of \$974,501.14, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$5,777.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$1,077,750.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$107,775.00 State and \$969,975.00 Federal Funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Carper, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 18 for the construction of Project 1848-12-18, Route 641, Int. Route 258 (Near Walkers)-Int. Route 645 (Near Zund), Isle of Wight County, to the low bidder, W. H. Scott, Inc., Franklin, Va., at the bid of \$126,788.18 and that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, making a total of approximately \$139,450.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed 50/50 with State and Federal Funds. Additional \$75,815.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Matched Secondary Federal Aid Funds to the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Senator Nelson, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 18 for the construction of Project 8040-12-19-29-R/W, Contract No. 1, Route 401, North Carolina State Line-5.791 Miles S. Int. Route 58, Greenville County, to the low bidder, Barnhill & Long, Inc., Tarboro, N. C., at the bid of \$857,954.14, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$17,578.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$1,049,500.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$104,950.00 State and \$944,570.00 Federal Funds; additional \$58,898.00 to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Wright, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 18 for the construction of Project 8011-II-02-03-04-05-06, Contract No. 1, Route 402, 0.545 Mile N. of NCL Buchanan-0.274 Mile S. of Int. Route 810, Botetourt County, to the low bidder, Helle L. Teer Company, Inc., Durham, N. C., at the bid of \$2,777,693.17, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work and \$55,725.00 for work by State Forces, making a total of approximately \$3,091,200.00 chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$509,120.00 State and \$2,782,080.00 Federal Funds; additional \$2,441,200.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Wright, seconded by Mr. Flythe, that the Commission confirm award of contract on bids received October 16 for the construction of Project 1844-50-51-82, Routes 220 and 59, 1.842 Miles S. of SCL Martinsville-0.144 Mile S. of SCL Martinsville, Henry County, to the low bidder, W. E. Graham & Sons, Cleveland, N. C., at the bid of \$850,922.66, that 10% additional be set aside to cover the cost of engineering and additional work, \$2,684.00 for work by State Forces and \$250,000.00 for Right of Way, making a total of approximately \$1,188,650. chargeable to this project; to be financed with \$595,650.00 State and \$593,000.00 Federal Funds; additional \$288,650.00 required to be provided in the 1958-59 Construction Allocations. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. May, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received October 16 for the construction of Project 1501-16, Route 709, 0.868 Mile W. Int. Route 710-Int. Route 710, Accomack County, the low bid being 10.1% over estimate and readvertise. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that the Commission confirm REJECTION of all bids received October 16 for the construction of Project 5757-07, Route 14, 0.105 Mile S. Int. Route 602-0.057 Mile S. Int. Route 604 (Susan P.O.), Mathews County, the low bid being 12.2% over estimate and readvertise. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Flythe, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that WHEREAS, ten bids were received on Project 2822-01-02 on October 16, 1957, and WHEREAS, four of these bids contained the same irregularity, which indicates that there was some misunderstanding among the bidders, now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that all bids be rejected and the project again be advertised as soon as possible. Motion carried. (Route 511)

Moved by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Rawls, that WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116(c) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, a PUBLIC HEARING was held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Richmond, Virginia, on October 9, 1957, concerning the proposed construction on Chamberlayne Avenue from 0.610 Mile North intersection Broad Street to intersection of Lombardy Street, Route 1, Project 1-127-071 (Old 1843-71), City of Richmond; WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the construction as planned, their statements being duly recorded and WHEREAS, the economic effects of the location and the proposed improvements have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of this project be approved in accordance with the plans as proposed and presented by the Engineering Division of the Department of Highways. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Watkins, that WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116(c) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, a PUBLIC HEARING was held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Richmond, Virginia, on October 9, 1957, concerning the proposed construction on Westover Hills Boulevard from Bassett Street to south corporate limits of Richmond, Route 161, Project 161-127-070 (Old Project 2020-70), City of Richmond; WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the construction as planned, their statements being duly recorded and WHEREAS, the economic effects of the location and the proposed improvements have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of this project be approved in accordance with the plans as proposed and presented by the Engineering Division of the Department of Highways. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. May, that WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116(c) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, a PUBLIC HEARING was held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Richmond, Virginia, on October 9, 1957, concerning the proposed construction on Patterson Avenue from Commonwealth Avenue to west corporate limits of Richmond, Route 6, Project 6-127-070-071-072 (Old Project 8143-70-71-72), City of Richmond; WHEREAS, proper notice was given in advance and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations for or against the construction as planned, their statements being duly recorded and WHEREAS, the economic effects of the location and the proposed improvements have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other, has been carefully reviewed, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of this project be approved in accordance with the plans as proposed and presented by the Engineering Division of the Department of Highways. Motion carried.

The Commission was advised that 1,000 additional miles had been approved for the Interstate System by the Secretary of Commerce; Virginia to benefit by two sections of road - (1) a Key Bridge Connection in Arlington and (2) a section in the road from Canton, Ohio, to Charlotte, N. C.

A copy of the program for the Dedication of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Project on Friday, November 1, was given to each member of the Commission.

Moved by Senator Wright, seconded by Mr. Hay, that, WHEREAS, by proper resolutions the various Boards of Supervisors have requested the discontinuance of certain roads in 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 valid opposition; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following roads be discontinued as parts of the Secondary System as provided by Section 55-75.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, effective this date:

AUGUSTA COUNTY - Old location of Route 620, Project 1507-18-25: Miles
 Section 8, Sta. 145/75 to Sta. 149/80, 0.062 mile
 Section 10-A, Sta. 214/75 to Route 604, 0.051 miles 0.113

KENFORD COUNTY - Old location of Route 680, Project 1509-17:
 Section 2, from new location at Sta. 238/85 northeast 0.10

CAMPBELL COUNTY - Old location of Route 621, Project 1515-18-21-22:
 Section 5, from new location at Station 55/90 southwest to
 intersection of Route 728 0.01
 Route 726, Section 15, from old location of Route 621 opposite
 Sta. 35/90 north to a dead end 0.90

GOOCHLAND COUNTY - Old location of Route 615, Project 1557-07:
 Section 1, from Sta. 38/95 to Sta. 40/80
 Section 2, from Sta. 119/70 to Sta. 125/90
 Section 7, from Sta. 256/50 to Sta. 259/90 0.25
 Section 1, Old location Route 606, Project 1537-06, from
 Sta. 18/50 to Sta. 23/40
 Section 4, Old location Route 667, from Sta. 128/25 to
 0.05 Miles North of Old intersection Route 667 0.15

HANOVER COUNTY - Route 691, from a point 0.10 Mile south of Int.
 Route 610 to 0.25 Mile South of Int. Route 610 0.15
 Route 717, from 0.40 Mile northwest of Int. Route 627-
 0.45 Mile northwest 0.05

MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Old location of Route 605, Project 1560-07,
 Section 1, Sta. 75/25 to Sta. 78/10 0.06

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY - Old location of Route 617, Project 1562-20-21-22:
 Section 2, from Sta. 18/15 east to Honey Run, 0.10 mile
 Section 4, from Sta. 50/80 southwest 0.09 mile 0.19
 Section 5, Old location of Route 763, Project 1582-25-26-27,
 from 0.04 Mile W. of Sta. 50/50 to Sta. 86/05 0.12
 Motion carried.

Mr. Fugate, being a member of a three man committee appointed to make a further study of the proposed Chesapeake Bay Crossing, following the publication of the opinion of consulting engineers on October 8th, gave the Commission a full and comprehensive statement; each member being given a memorandum covering the study and listing all letters received in the two week interim. Mr. M. N. Quade, representative of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald, Consulting Engineers, commented at length on letters from Mr. Walter Craigie and several others. Mr. Harris Parker, Special Counsel, referred to the letter received from Delegate G. H. Hill relative to maintenance of the project after it is paid for and becomes a part of the Primary System, thirty-five years hence; the possibility of amended legislation to continue tolls for the purpose, etc.

After much discussion pro and con it was moved by Mr. Rawls and seconded by Mr. Carper that the Commission accept the North-South Route and issue a permit for the project. The motion was declared open for suggestions and comments and after further questions, comments, etc., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Chesapeake Bay Ferry Commission has by resolution dated July 25, 1957, requested the State Highway Commission to approve a north-south crossing of the Chesapeake Bay, designated as Route #2 in the engineering report of Swardrup & Parcel, in accordance with Chapter 462, Acts of General Assembly of Virginia of 1956, and further, to grant a permit for such crossing in accordance with Section 55-251, Code of Virginia, and WHEREAS, the Highway Commission has carefully considered as required by law and the Trust Indenture covering existing revenue bond projects controlled by the Highway Commission that

1. There is an urgent need for a physical crossing of the Chesapeake Bay,
2. The proposed north-south route will tie in satisfactorily with the State's existing network of highways,
3. The Commission's consulting engineers are of the opinion as set forth in their letter to the Highway Commission of September 26, 1957, that the proposed north-south Route will not adversely affect the revenues of the facilities financed by Virginia Toll Revenue Bonds (Series of 1954); Now, therefore, the Commission does hereby approve the north-south crossing as requested and does grant a permit to the Chesapeake Bay Ferry Commission for the construction along this route.

The Chairman stated that the Members of the Commission would be needed more in the next twelve months than ever before; that the Department was in need of each and every one of them and that each one was greatly appreciated.

Reference was made to the meeting of the Commission in Lexington on Thursday, November 7th, at 12:00 noon, during the VMI-Highway Conference November 6-8, at which time there would be a public hearing on the Rules and Regulations for the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Project.

Reference was likewise made to the meeting to be held on November 25 in Richmond at which time a public hearing will be held as requested on the Location of Route 401, Project 0401-076-029 in Prince William and Fairfax Counties, from the Intersection of Route 1, South of Triangle to Int. of Route 850, North of Woodbridge.

Suggestions and comments were solicited.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at noon and the Commission proceeded to lunch.

Approved -


Chairman

Attested -


Secretary