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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. Good**, Seconded By:** Mr. Lawson
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Virginia Byway Designation – Route 675 – Two Segments in Shenandoah County

WHEREAS, under the authority of §33.2-405 of the *Code of Virginia* (1950), as amended, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is authorized to designate Virginia Byways in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) after providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the remaining two undesignated road segments of Route 675 in Shenandoah County substantially meet the current Virginia Byway criteria; and

WHEREAS, the procedures required by §33.2-405 have been followed and the views of the citizens and local governing body have been considered; and

WHEREAS, once designated as a Virginia Byway, it is the sense of the CTB that such designation should not limit roadway improvements or maintenance by VDOT or prevent the CTB from exercising its general power and duties to locate, construct, improve and maintain all highways in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Route 675 in Shenandoah County from the West Virginia State line to the intersection with Route 717 (3.31 miles) and Route 675 in Shenandoah County from the Page County line to the intersection with Route 730 (0.36 miles) be designated as Virginia Byways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to appropriately sign the Virginia Byway as such, ensure that it is included in the statewide inventory, and communicate this action to the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors.

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CTB DECISION BRIEF

Virginia Byway Designation – Route 675 – Two Segments – Shenandoah County

Issue: Shenandoah County has requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) designate the remaining two segments of Route 675 in the county as Virginia Byways to complete the designation of the route within the county in its entirety.

Facts: Section 33.2-405 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the CTB, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), to designate Virginia Byways with a resolution of support from the local governing body.

Designating the two segments will complete the designation of Route 675, in its entirety, in Shenandoah County. The route connects travelers to two Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) campsites: Camp Roosevelt, the first CCC camp in the United States, and Camp Wolf Gap, an all-African American CCC camp. These two camps serve as gateways to trails and campgrounds. In addition to the two camp sites, the routes offer scenic views of Stony Creek, Edinburg Gap, and Fort Valley. Eighty-eight percent of the lands within 1,000 feet of the corridor are zoned A-1 Agricultural District or C-1 Conservation District, which are the most restrictive zoning categories in the county and will help to protect the aesthetic viewshed of the corridor. These attributes provide justification for designation of the two remaining undesignated segments of Route 675 in Shenandoah County.

Further, this action will connect Route 675 to designated byway Route 675 in Page Couty which extends from the Town of Luray to the Shenandoah County line, thereby creating a 28.7-mile designated corridor between the two counties.

If approved, 3.67 miles will be added to the Virginia Byway system bringing the total number of road miles designated as Virginia Byways to 3,612.4.

Recommendation: VDOT recommends that the CTB approve the designation of Route 675 in Shenandoah County from the West Virginia State line to the intersection with Route 717 (3.31 miles) and Route 675 from the Page County line to the intersection with Route 730 (0.36 miles).

Action Required by the CTB: The *Code of Virginia* § 33.2-405 requires the majority vote of the CTB to designate Virginia Byways. A resolution is provided for CTB formal vote.

Result, if Approved: VDOT will install Virginia Byway signs along the route and at each terminus.

Options: Approve, deny, or defer.