COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 1

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 15, 2025

MOTION

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

Title: Discontinuance – Secondary System of State Highways
Route 708 in Russell County

WHEREAS, Route 708, located in Roanoke County, measuring approximately 0.40 of a mile, is no longer necessary for the uses of the secondary system of state highways, and therefore no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense, rendering it eligible for discontinuance; and

WHEREAS, the Russell County Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution on July 7, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit A, supporting the discontinuance described as the 0.40 of a mile length of Route 708, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia*, a section of highway may be discontinued from the secondary system of state highways by the Commissioner of Highways, with the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, if the highway is deemed to be no longer necessary for the uses of the secondary system of state highways when a part of the highway no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board deems Route 708 not required for public convenience and discontinues the roadway segment identified below and as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto, as part of the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2-908, *Code of Virginia*, as the roadway is no longer necessary for the uses of the secondary system of state highways and is no longer providing sufficient public convenience to warrant maintenance at public expense.

Secondary System of State Highways

Discontinuance

Bristol District

Russell County

• Route 703	0.40 Mi.

Total Mileage Discontinued from the Secondary System: 0.40 Mi.

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CTB Decision Brief

Discontinuance - Secondary System of State Highways: Route 708 in Russell County

Issue: The Department of Conservations and Recreation has purchased land surrounding the end of Route 708 in Russell County and has asked for the road to be discontinued. The Russell County Board of Supervisors supports the discontinuance of Route 708. Pursuant to §33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia*, this proposed discontinuance must be considered and approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

Facts: Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined that the 0.40 of a mile length of Route 708 should be discontinued as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways, pursuant to §33.2-908 of the *Code of Virginia,* as it no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at state expense.

In accordance with §33.2-908, notice of the discontinuance was published in the Lebanon News on April 30, 2025 (Exhibit C, attached). Section 33.2-908 requires that notice be provided to the County Board of Supervisors and property owners with land abutting the section of roadway considered for discontinuance.

The Russell County Board of Supervisors supports, by resolution passed July 7, 2025 (Exhibit A, attached), the discontinuance of the 0.40 of a mile length of Route 708 (road noted in "Yellow" on Exhibit B, attached).

Recommendation: VDOT recommends the Board approve the discontinuance of the 0.40 of a mile length of Route 708 referenced above.

Action Required by CTB: *The Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the Board's members to approve the proposed discontinuance. A resolution describing the proposed road to be discontinued is provided for the Board's consideration.

Result if Approved: If approved, VDOT will suspend all of its maintenance activity on the roadway segment.

Options: Approve**,** Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reaction: There was no request for a public hearing made to the Russell County Board of Supervisors regarding this proposed discontinuance and there were no requests for a public hearing received by VDOT in response to the notices provided.

Exhibit A
Russell County Resolution

The Board of Supervisors of Russell County, in regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025, adopted the following:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCONTINUANCE OF SECONDARY ROUTE 708

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has notified this Board of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's desire to discontinue Route 708 depicted on the attached sketch, which sketch is incorporated herein by reference, and

WHEREAS, Secondary Route 708, from Route 661 (Artrip Rd) to the dead end, a distance of 0.40 mile, appears to no longer serve public convenience warranting its maintenance at public expense and should be discontinued as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Russell County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Virginia Department of Transportation's discontinuance of Route 708 as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways, pursuant to §33.2-908, Code of Virginia, as amended; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Recorded Vote:

Moved By: Tara Dye
Seconded By: Steve Breeding
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

A Copy Teste:

Lenzo Lester, MBA, VCO, CPC
Russell County Administrator

Exhibit B

Sketch of Proposed Road to be Discontinued
Russell County Route 708

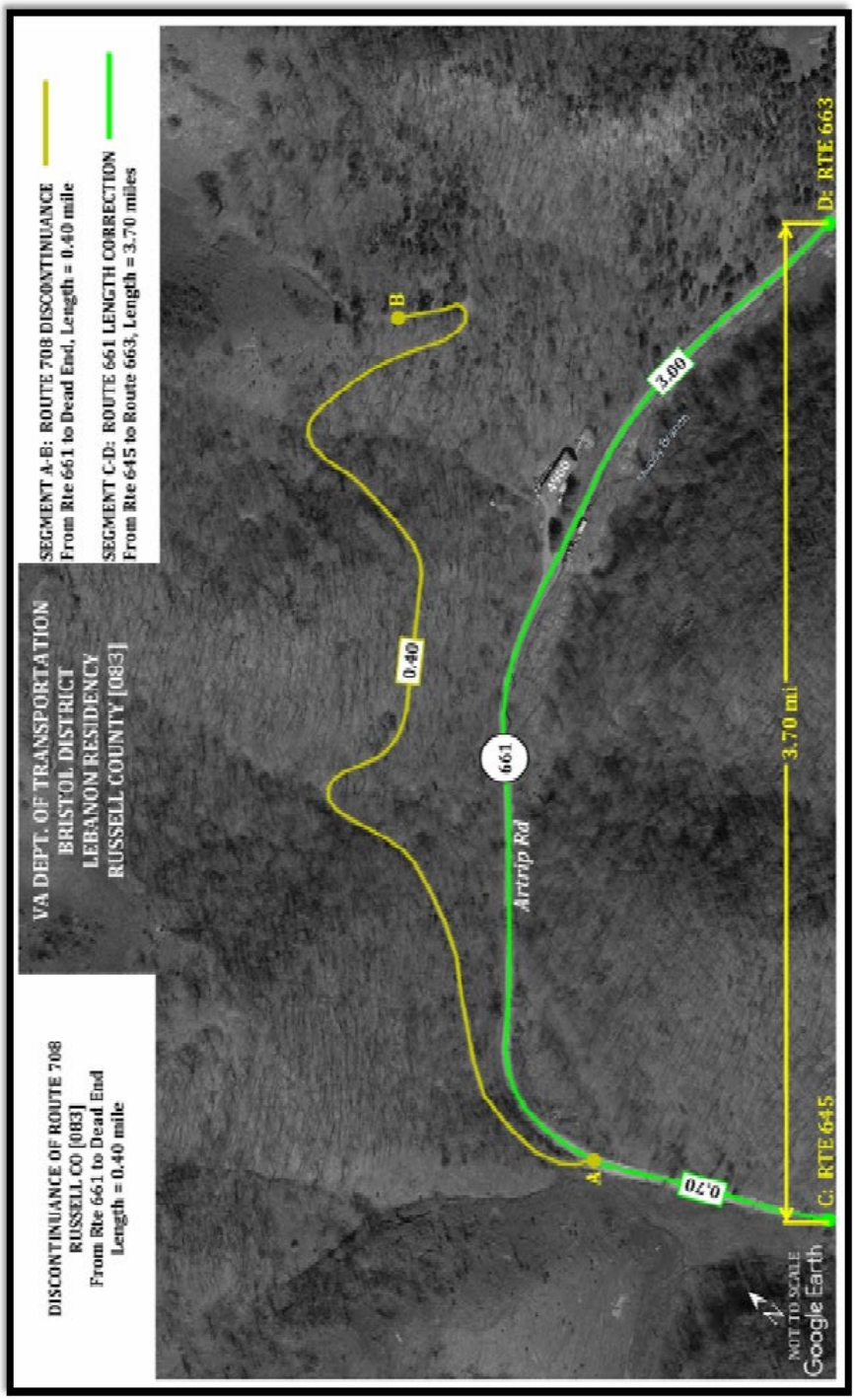


Exhibit C

Public Notice of Discontinuance
Published in the *Lebanon News* on April 30, 2025

LEBANON NEWS
APRIL 30, 2025

VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE ROUTE 708: UNNAMED ROUTE

Pursuant to §33.2-908 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will consider discontinuance of Route 708, from Route 661 (Artrip Rd) to the dead end, a distance of 0.40 mile(s). VDOT desires to discontinue the road from the Secondary System of State Highways because the road does not provide sufficient public service to warrant continued maintenance by VDOT. Any abutting landowner may request a public hearing be held on the matter by submitting a written request to VDOT on or before May 30, 2025. Additional materials related to the proposed discontinuance may be obtained by contacting the VDOT Lebanon Residency on or before May 30, 2025.

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