COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 17, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Dr. Smoot**, Seconded By:** Ms. Green
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways: Previously Discontinued Portion of Route 57 Located in Henry County

WHEREAS, upon reconstruction of Route 57 in Henry County, the Commonwealth Transportation Board relocated segments of existing Primary system roadways to new alignment, causing the previous segments to no longer provide a public convenience that warranted maintenance at public expense; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board passed a resolution on June 16, 1983, discontinuing a segment of Route 57 as part of the highway system changes resulting from the construction of VDOT Project 0057-044-111, C-501; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.2-902, *Code of Virginia 1950*, as amended, the Commissioner of Highways was provided with a petition to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways that portion of Route 57 discontinued in 1983, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, in Henry County. The 0.08 of a mile road segment proposed for abandonment is:

(a) no longer necessary as a public road, and

(b) no longer provides a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of this portion of Route 57 from the Primary System of State Highways, as documented in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice was posted of the intent to abandon these segments, attached hereto as Exhibit C, and such posting was completed in accordance with § 33.2-902, and no requests were received for public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, a Primary roadway for which no public necessity exists may be abandoned by the Board, pursuant to § 33.2-902, *Code of Virginia* 1950, as amended.

NOW THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the roadway segment identified below, and as depicted in Exhibit B, is hereby ordered abandoned as part of Primary system of state highways, pursuant to § 33.2-902, *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended.

Primary System of State Highways Abandonment

Salem District

Henry County

- Route 57 — 0.08 Mi.

Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 0.08 Mi.

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CTB Decision Brief

Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways: Previously Discontinued Portion of Route 57 Located in Henry County

Issue: An interested landowner has requested the abandonment of a total of 0.08 of a mile of Route 57 in Henry County and the County Board of Supervisors supports this abandonment and its approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

Facts: The Commonwealth Transportation Board, passed a resolution on June 16, 1983, discontinuing this portion of Route 57, upon the relocation of the road. The segment totaling 0.08 of a mile currently being requested for abandonment was included in the discontinuance approved in 1983.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of the segment totaling 0.08 of a mile of Route 57 (segment identified as "A – B" in "Blue" on Exhibit B, attached). The resolution from the County, dated December 16, 2025, is attached as Exhibit A.

Upon review of the area, VDOT staff determined that the segment totaling 0.08 of a mile of Route 57 may be abandoned as a part of the Primary System of State Highways, pursuant to §33.2-902 of the *Code of Virginia,* since no public necessity exists for the continuance of the segment as a public roadway.

Pursuant to and in accordance with § 33.2-902 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Virginia Department of Transportation published a "Notice of Intent to Abandon" in the *Martinsville Bulletin* publication on November 8 and 22, 2025 (Exhibit C, attached). No request was received to hold a public hearing.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends the Board approve the abandonment of the segment totaling 0.08 of a mile of Route 57 referenced above.

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

Result if Approved: If approved, the segment of discontinued highway will no longer be available for use by the public. The right of way will be declared surplus and may be conveyed upon request.

Options: Approve**,** Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reactions: A public hearing was not requested to be held.

Exhibit A
Henry County Resolution

HENRY COUNTY
COMMUNITY CONNECTED

Resolution of the Henry County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation has provided the Henry County Board of Supervisors with its notice of intent to abandon a previously discontinued section of old Route 57, located 0.037 of a mile east of the Route 925 intersection with Route 57, from the Primary System of State Highways as shown on the attached sketch; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board supports the Virginia Department of Transportation's action to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways this segment of old Route 57 pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, as this Board agrees that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of highway as a public highway; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation Martinsville Residency.

Jim Adams, Chairman
Henry County Board of Supervisors

Date: December 16, 2025

Record of Vote
Yeas: 6
Nays: 0

Exhibit B
Sketch of Proposed Road Segment to be Abandoned
0.08 Mile Portion of Route 57 in Henry County

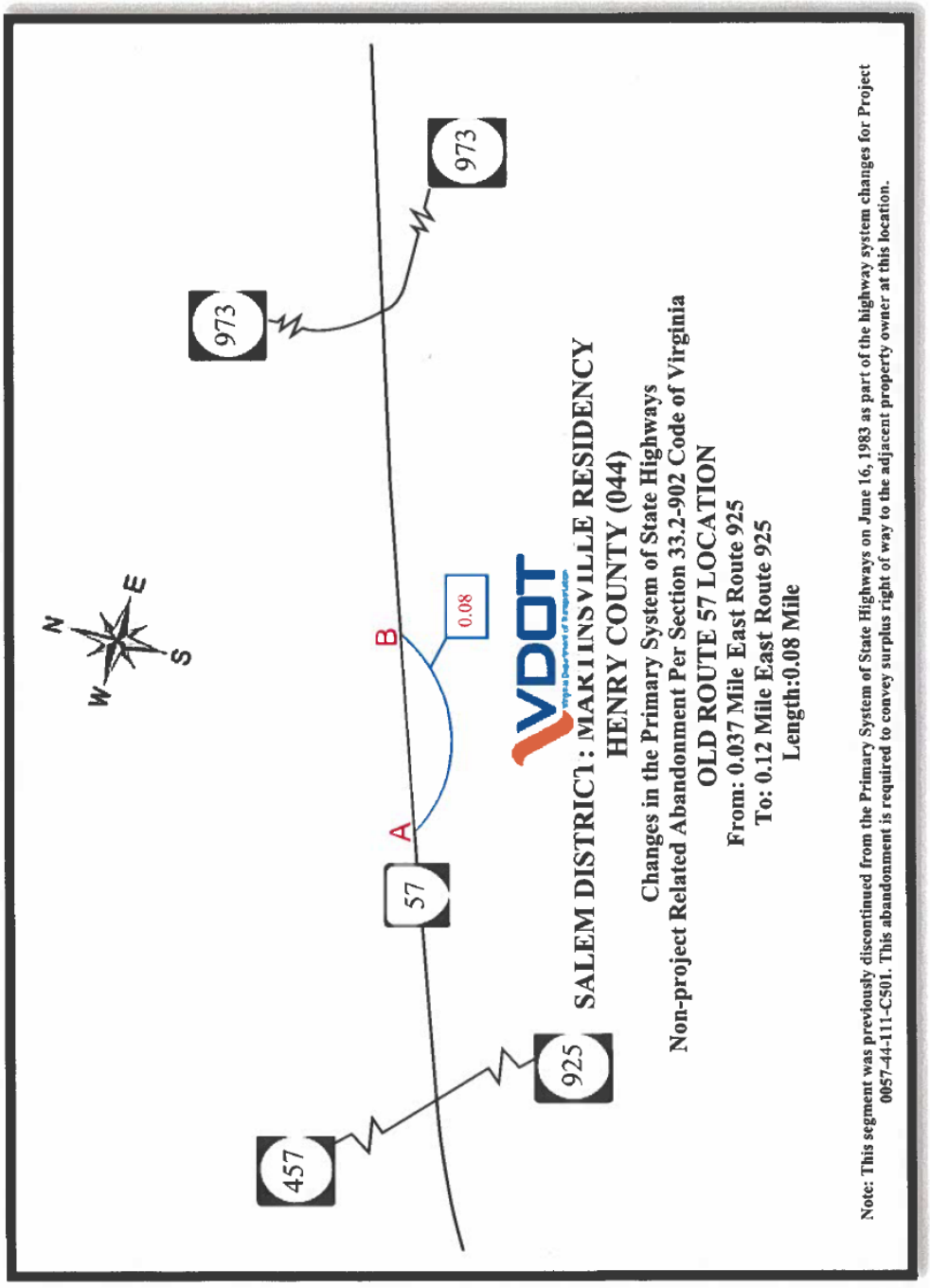


Exhibit C
"Notice of Intent to Abandon"

Published in the *Martinsville Bulletin*
November 8 and 22, 2025

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 57 (Chatham Road)
Henry County

Willingness to Hold Public Hearing Notice of Intent to Abandon Public Road Segment

Pursuant to §33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will consider abandonment of a previously discontinued section of Route 57 (Chatham Road) in Henry County. This section of road was discontinued on June 16, 1983. The total length and location of the proposed abandonment is 0.08 mile and is located 0.037-mile East of Route 925.

VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing prior to considering the abandonment if one or more landowners whose property is impacted by the abandonment makes a request. A public hearing may be requested by contacting Lisa Hughes, Resident Engineer, VDOT Martinsville Residency, 309 Weeping Willow Lane, Bassett, Virginia 24055 on or prior to **December 9, 2025**.

Additional information about the proposed abandonment is available at VDOT's Martinsville Residency Office at the address above. Please call ahead at 276-629-2582, 1-800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to make an appointment with appropriate personnel.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT Civil Rights at 540-387-5552.