COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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***Agenda item # 1***

**RESOLUTION**
**OF THE**
**COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**May 20, 2026**

**MOTION**

**Made By:** Ms. Sellers**, Seconded By:** Mr. Good

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways: Previously Discontinued Portion of US 21 Located in Grayson County**

**WHEREAS**, upon reconstruction of US 21 in Grayson 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 (Board) passed a resolution on November 17, 1977, discontinuing a segment of US 21 as part of the highway system changes resulting from the construction of VDOT Project 0021-038-101, 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 US 21 discontinued in 1977, as seen in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, in Grayson County. The 0.15 of a mile road segment proposed for abandonment is:

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

(b) does not provide a public convenience that warrants maintenance at public expense; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grayson County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of this discontinued portion of US 21 from the Primary System of State Highways, as documented in the letter of support; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was posted of the intent to abandon this segment, 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 discontinued 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**

Bristol District

Grayson County

- US 21 — 0.15 Mi.

**Total Mileage Abandoned from the Primary System: 0.15 Mi.**

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**CTB Decision Brief**

Abandonment – Primary System of State Highways: Previously Discontinued Portion of US 21 Located in Grayson County

**Issue**: An interested landowner has requested the abandonment of a total of 0.15 of a mile of US 21 in Grayson County and the County Board of Supervisors supports this abandonment and its approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board).

**Facts:** The Board passed a resolution on November 17, 1977, discontinuing this portion of US 21, upon the relocation of the road.

The Grayson County Board of Supervisors supports the abandonment of the segment totaling 0.15 of a mile of US 21 (segment identified as "A – B" in "Blue" on Exhibit B, attached). The letter of support from the County, dated November 24, 2025, is attached as Exhibit A.

Upon review of the area, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff determined that the discontinued segment 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,* VDOT published a "Notice of Intent to Abandon" in *The Declaration* publication on March 4 and 11, 2026 (Exhibit C, attached). No request was received to hold a public hearing.

**Recommendations**: VDOT recommends the Board approve the abandonment of the segment totaling 0.15 of a mile of US 21 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**
**Grayson County Letter of Support**


# Grayson County Board of Supervisors

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November 24, 2025

Mr. Mark Williams
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RE: Changes in the Primary System of State Highways
§ 33.2-902 Non-Project Related Abandonment
Route 21

Dear Mr. Williams,

In my capacity as County Administrator and on behalf of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors, Grayson County concurs with and supports the Virginia Department of Transportation's abandonment of discontinued US 21 from 0.15 mile south of Route 872 to 0.30 mile south of Route 872, a distance of 0.15 mile(s), from the primary system of state highways, in accordance with § 33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Boyer
Grayson County Administrator
Clerk of Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit B**
**Sketch of Proposed Road Segment to be Abandoned**
**0.15 Mile Portion of US 21 in Grayson County**

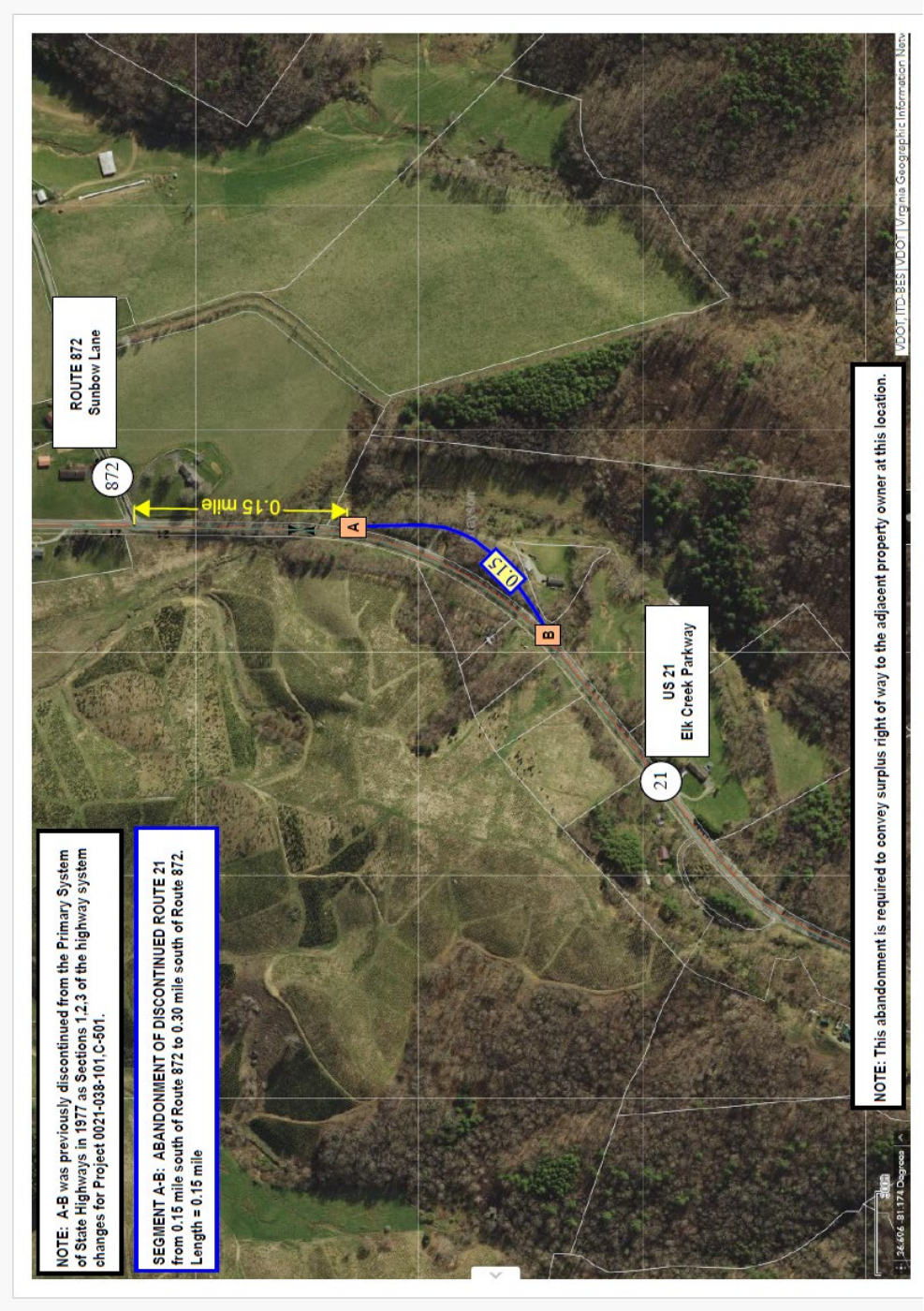


**Exhibit C**
**"Notice of Intent to Abandon"**

**Published in *The Declaration***
**March 4 and 11, 2026**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD ABANDONMENT**
**PREVIOUSLY DISCONTINUED PORTION OF US 21**

**Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing**

Pursuant to Section 33.2-902 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation will consider abandonment of a previously discontinued portion of US 21 in Grayson County. The location and total length of the segment to be abandoned is from 0.15 mile south of Route 872 to 0.30 mile south of Route 872, and is a distance of 0.15 mile(s). This matter is being considered by VDOT at the request of an abutting landowner.

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 Mark Williams, VDOT Wytheville Residency, 2843 Chapman Road, Wytheville, VA 24382 on or prior to April 03, 2026.

Additional information about the proposed abandonment is available at VDOT's Wytheville Residency Office at the address above. Please call ahead at 276-484-9334 or TTY/TDD 711 to make an appointment with appropriate personnel.

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