COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 20, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes**, Seconded By:** Ms. Dunlop

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Scott County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated March 4, 2026, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service to his community and country of the Honorable Ford Carter Quillen, name the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Kane Street, over Little Moccasin Creek and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Town of Gate City, as the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, Scott County, by resolution dated March 4, 2026, has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Gate City has expressed their support of this naming in a resolution dated February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that VDOT shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Kane Street, over Little Moccasin Creek and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Town of Gate City, as the “Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Scott County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge"

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Scott County, of the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Kane Street, over Little Moccasin Creek and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Town of Gate City, as the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge".

Facts: The Scott County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on March 4, 2026, to honor the life and service to his community and country of the Honorable Ford Carter Quillen.

Additionally, the Town Council of the Town of Gate City passed a resolution supporting this naming on February 10, 2026.

According to the Scott County resolution, Judge Quillen was born on September 21, 1938, and passed away on January 18, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of public service, integrity and devotion to his family, community and the Commonwealth.

Judge Quillen maintained deep and lifelong ties to Gate City and Scott County, practicing law in Gate City for many years and earning the respect of clients, colleagues, and citizens through his professionalism, wisdom, and commitment to justice.

He served with distinction as a Circuit Court Judge in Scott County where he was widely admired for his fairness, sound judgment, and exemplary judicial temperament.

Judge Quillen represented Southwest Virginia in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1970 to 1993, during which time he was recognized across the Commonwealth as a tireless advocate for economic development, infrastructure, education, and regional progress, working across party lines for the benefit of all citizens.

His legislative leadership helped advance transportation initiatives, including the creation of Highway 72, known as the Veterans Memorial Highway, and strengthened higher education opportunities through his work addressing educational disparities and supporting the establishment of the Virginia Higher Education Center.

He demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service, patriotism, and personal excellence, having attended Gate City High School, Fork Union Military Academy, and the University of Tennessee, where he earned a Division I football scholarship, and having honorably served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army.

Judge Quillen was devoted to his family and will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, whose generosity, encouragement, and presence enriched the lives of all who knew him. He embodied the values of character, humility, perseverance, and service, and his influence continues to be felt throughout Gate City, Scott County, and Southwest Virginia.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to

approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board's consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Kane Street, over Little Moccasin Creek and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Town of Gate City, will be known as the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge". In accordance with law, and by resolution dated March 4, 2026, Scott County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve**,** Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT has not received any public comments on this proposal.

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Resolution

Honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of The Honorable Ford Carter Quillen and Designating a Bridge on Kane Street, Gate City Virginia in Scott County the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge"

Whereas, The Honorable Ford Carter Quillen was born on September 21, 1938, and passed away on January 18, 2026, leaving behind a distinguished legacy of public service, integrity, and devotion to his family, community, and Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen maintained deep and lifelong ties to Gate City and Scott County, practicing law in Gate City for many years and earning the respect of clients, colleagues, and citizens through his professionalism, wisdom, and commitment to justice; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen served with distinction as a Circuit Court Judge in Scott County, where he was widely admired for his fairness, sound judgment, and exemplary judicial temperament; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen represented Southwest Virginia in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1970 to 1993, during which time he was recognized across the Commonwealth as a tireless advocate for economic development, infrastructure, education, and regional progress, working across party lines for the benefit of all citizens; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen's legislative leadership helped advance transportation initiatives, including the creation of Highway 72, known as the Veterans Memorial Highway, and strengthened higher education opportunities through his work addressing educational disparities and supporting the establishment of the Virginia Higher Education Center; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service, patriotism, and personal excellence, having attended Gate City High School, Fork Union Military Academy, and the University of Tennessee, where he earned a Division I football scholarship, and having honorably served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen was devoted to his family and will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, whose generosity, encouragement, and presence enriched the lives of all who knew him; and

Whereas, Judge Quillen embodied the values of character, humility, perseverance, and service, and his influence continues to be felt throughout Gate City, Scott County, and Southwest Virginia; and

Whereas, the Scott County Board of Supervisors finds that naming a bridge in his honor is a fitting and lasting tribute to a man whose life connected generations, strengthened communities, and advanced opportunity throughout the region;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County, Virginia:
That the Board of Supervisors hereby honors and commemorates the life and legacy of The Honorable Ford Carter Quillen and expresses its deep gratitude for his lifetime of service to Gate City, Scott County, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Be it further resolved, that in recognition of his enduring contributions and lasting impact, the Scott County Board of Supervisors' petitions to the Virginia Department of Transportation to rename a bridge within the Town of Gate City as the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge," to serve as a lasting symbol of his leadership, integrity, and lifelong commitment to public service; and

Be it further resolved, that this designation reflects the profound respect and appreciation of the citizens of Scott County for Judge Quillen's remarkable life and the example he set for future generations; and

Be it further resolved, that Scott County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Adopted by the Scott County Board of Supervisors, this 4th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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At a meeting of the Scott County Board of Supervisors begun and held in the Supervisors' meeting room located at the Community Services Building in Gate City, Virginia on Wednesday the 4th day of March 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Darrel W. Jeter
L. Michele Glover – Vice-Chairman
Eddie N. Skeen
Michael K. Brickey
Danny M. Casteel
Christopher S. Maness – Chairman
Stefanie C. Addington.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Michael K. Brickey, duly seconded by Darrel W. Jeter, this Board hereby adopts the following:

Resolution 2026-01

Honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of The Honorable Ford Carter Quillen and Designating a Bridge on Kane Street, Gate City, Virginia in Scott County the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge"

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Be it further resolved, that in recognition of his enduring contributions and lasting impact, the Scott County Board of Supervisors petitions the Virginia Department of Transportation to rename a bridge within the Town of Gate City as the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge," to serve as a lasting symbol of his leadership, integrity, and lifelong commitment to public service; and

Be it further resolved, that this designation reflects the profound respect and appreciation of the citizens of Scott County for Judge Quillen's remarkable life and the example he set for future generations; and

Be it further resolved, that Scott County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Adopted by the Scott County Board of Supervisors, this 4th day of March, 2026.

Voting aye: Darrel W. Jeter, L. Michele Glover, Eddie N. Skeen, Michael K. Brickey, Danny M. Casteel, Christopher S. Maness, and Stefanie C. Addington.

Voting nay: None.

Attest _____
CLERK

C: Allan Sumpter – VDOT
Sally Kegley

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A Resolution Honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of The Honorable Ford Carter Quillen and Designating the 'Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge'

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Whereas, the Gate City Town Council finds that naming a bridge in his honor is a fitting and lasting tribute to a man whose life connected generations, strengthened communities, and advanced opportunity throughout the region.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Gate City, Virginia:

That the Town Council hereby honors and commemorates the life and legacy of The Honorable Ford Carter Quillen and expresses its deep gratitude for his lifetime of service to Gate City, Scott County, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Be it further resolved, that in recognition of his enduring contributions and lasting impact, the Town Council hereby expresses its full support for the Scott County Board of Supervisors' petition to the Virginia Department of Transportation to name a bridge within the Town of Gate City as the "Ford Quillen Memorial Bridge," to serve as a lasting symbol of his leadership, integrity, and lifelong commitment to public service; and

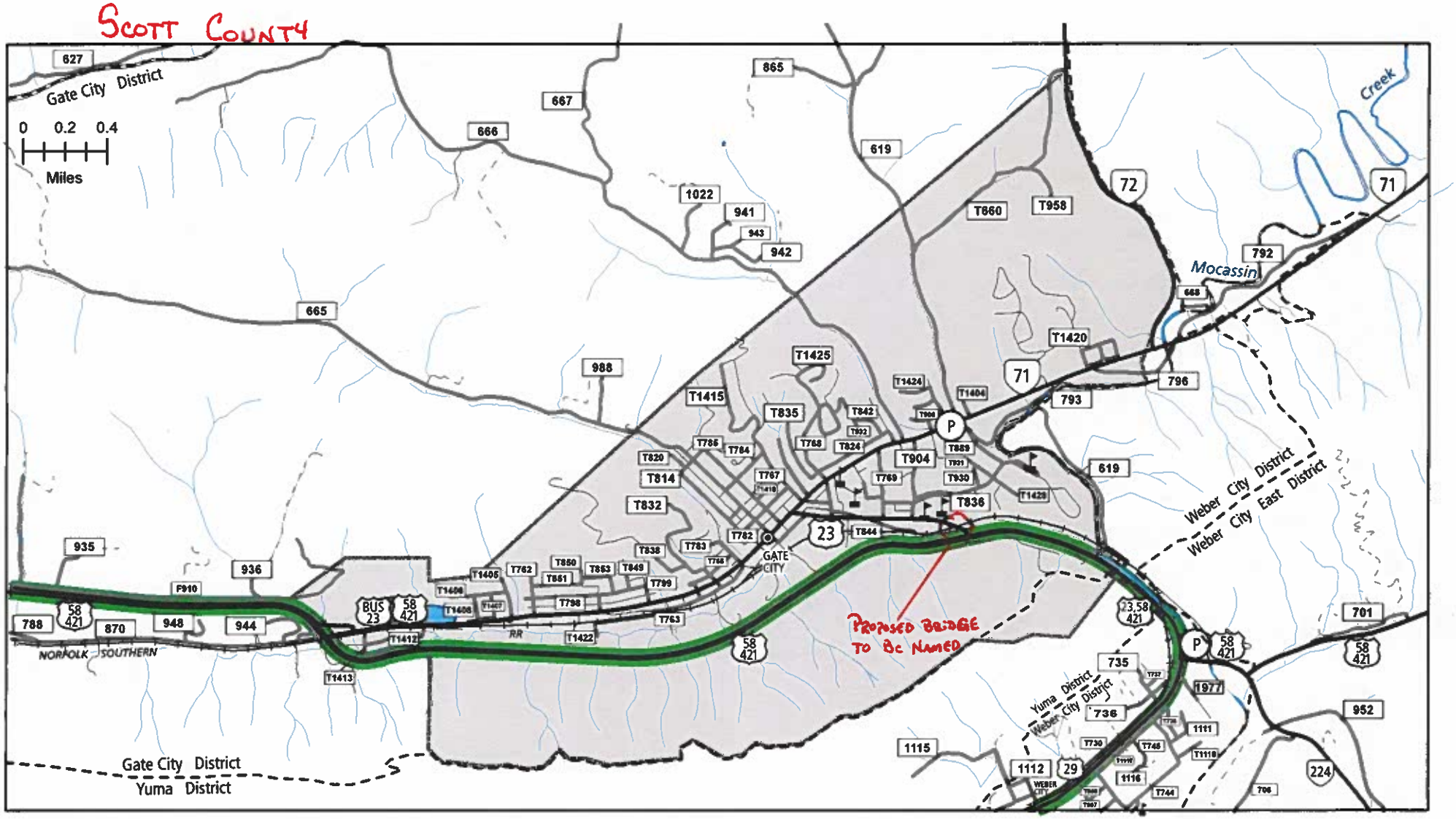
Be it further resolved, that this designation reflects the profound respect and appreciation of the citizens of Gate City for Judge Quillen's remarkable life and the example he set for future generations.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Gate City, Virginia, this 10th day of February, 2026.

Jamie Lawson, Mayor

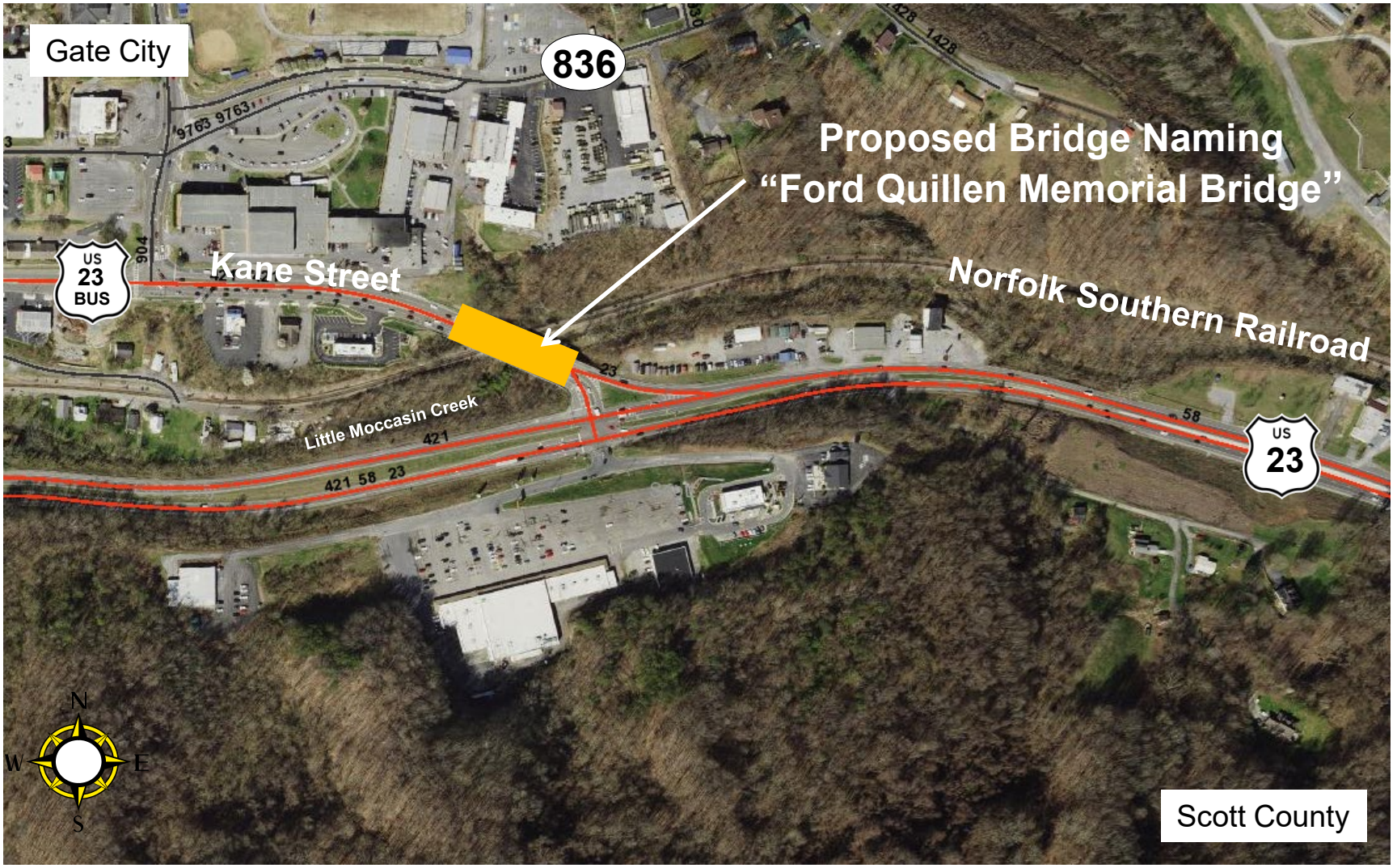
Attest: Kristie Tipton, Clerk of Council


Proposed Bridge Naming
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GPS: 36.381766, -82.340431
Route: Bus. US 23 - Kane Street
Structure No.: 1013
Over: Norfolk Southern Railroad / Little Moccasin Creek
Legend
Proposed Bridge to be Named
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Gate City High School
Pear Dr
Jones St
Long John Silver's
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