



The purpose of the **United States (U.S.) Numbered Highway System** is to facilitate travel on the main interstate highways, over the shortest routes and the best available roads. A route should form continuity of available facilities through two or more states that accommodate the most important and heaviest motor traffic flow in the area.

The routes comprising the **National System of Interstate and Defense Highways** will be marked with its own distinctive route marker shield and will have a numbering system that is separate and apart from the U.S. Numbered Highway System. For the convenience of the motorist, there must be continuity and a uniform pattern of marking and numbering these Interstate routes without regard to state lines.

The U.S. Numbered System was established in 1926 and the Interstate Numbered System was established in 1956. Both have reached the period of review, revision, and consolidation. They now need perfecting rather than expansion. Therefore, any proposed alteration in the established systems should be extremely meritorious and thoroughly, though concisely, explained in order that the Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering and the Standing Committee on Highways of the Association may give prompt and proper consideration to each and every request made by a member department.

**Explanation and Reasons for the Request:** (Keep concise and pertinent.)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests a change in the alignment of US Bicycle Route 1 (USBR 1) in Arlington County, City of Alexandria and Fairfax County.

VDOT proposes to realign USBR 1 to address several obstacles that have obstructed USBR 1 from being an effective bicycle route. The first item is to establish a concrete termination point in Virginia. Second USBR 1 has the official designation of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington County. According to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulation Compendium section 4.3 bicycles are prohibited from the GW Parkway from the entry into the Commonwealth of Virginia to the northern city limit of Alexandria. Therefore, we plan to move the designation to the parallel route of the Mt. Vernon Trail. Finally, the U.S. Army base Fort Belvoir is closed to civilians. USBR 1 currently is closed where it goes through the base. The new alignment will designate a route that bypasses the base. The existing log and proposed log are below.

Existing Log:

| State    | Type    | Intersection                                  | Point to Point Mileage | Accumulated Mileage in State | Remarks Facility                           |
|----------|---------|---|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Virginia | Bicycle | State Line (Rte 400 and District of Columbia) | 0                      | 0                            | Start Terminus                             |
|          |         | Rte 400 and Rte 235                           | 16.1                   | 16.1                         | <i>GW Memorial Parkway</i>                 |
|          |         | Rte 235 and Old Mill Road                     | 3                      | 19.1                         | <i>Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy</i>             |
|          |         | Old Mill Road and Meeres Drive                | 0.5                    | 19.6                         | Start Base Closure<br><i>Old Mill Road</i> |
|          |         | Meeres Drive and Woodlawn Road                | 0.5                    | 20.1                         | <i>Woodlawn Road</i>                       |
|          |         | Woodlawn Road and Beulah Street               | 1.3                    | 21.4                         | End Base Closure<br><i>Beulah Street</i>   |

Proposed Log:

| State    | Type    | Intersection                                      | Point to Point Mileage | Accumulated Mileage in State | Remarks Facility                          |
|----------|---------|---|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Virginia | Bicycle | State Line (Mt. Vernon Trail at Boundary Channel) | 0                      | 0                            | Start Terminus<br><i>Mt. Vernon Trail</i> |
|          |         | Mt Vernon Trail and Pendleton Street              | 5.12                   | 5.12                         | <i>Pendleton Street</i>                   |
|          |         | Pendleton Street and Royal Street                 | 0.13                   | 5.27                         | <i>Royal Street</i>                       |
|          |         | Royal Street and Mt. Vernon Trail                 | 1.16                   | 6.43                         | <i>Mt. Vernon Trail</i>                   |
|          |         | Mt. Vernon Trail and Belle View Blvd              | 1.58                   | 8.01                         | <i>Belle View Blvd</i>                    |
|          |         | Belle View Blvd and Beacon Hill Road              | 1.05                   | 9.06                         | <i>Beacon Hill Road</i>                   |
|          |         | Beacon Hill Road and Richmond Hwy Service Drive   | 0.71                   | 9.77                         | <i>Richmond Hwy Service Road</i>          |
|          |         | Richmond Hwy Service Drive and Memorial Street    | 0.19                   | 9.96                         | <i>Memorial Street</i>                    |
|          |         | Memorial Street and South Kings Hwy               | 0.64                   | 10.6                         | <i>South Kings Hwy</i>                    |
|          |         | South Kings Hwy and Telegraph Road                | 1.67                   | 12.27                        | <i>Telegraph Road</i>                     |
|          |         | Telegraph Road and Beulah Street                  | 3.07                   | 15.34                        | End Terminus rejoin USBR 1                |

*(Road between Control Points)*

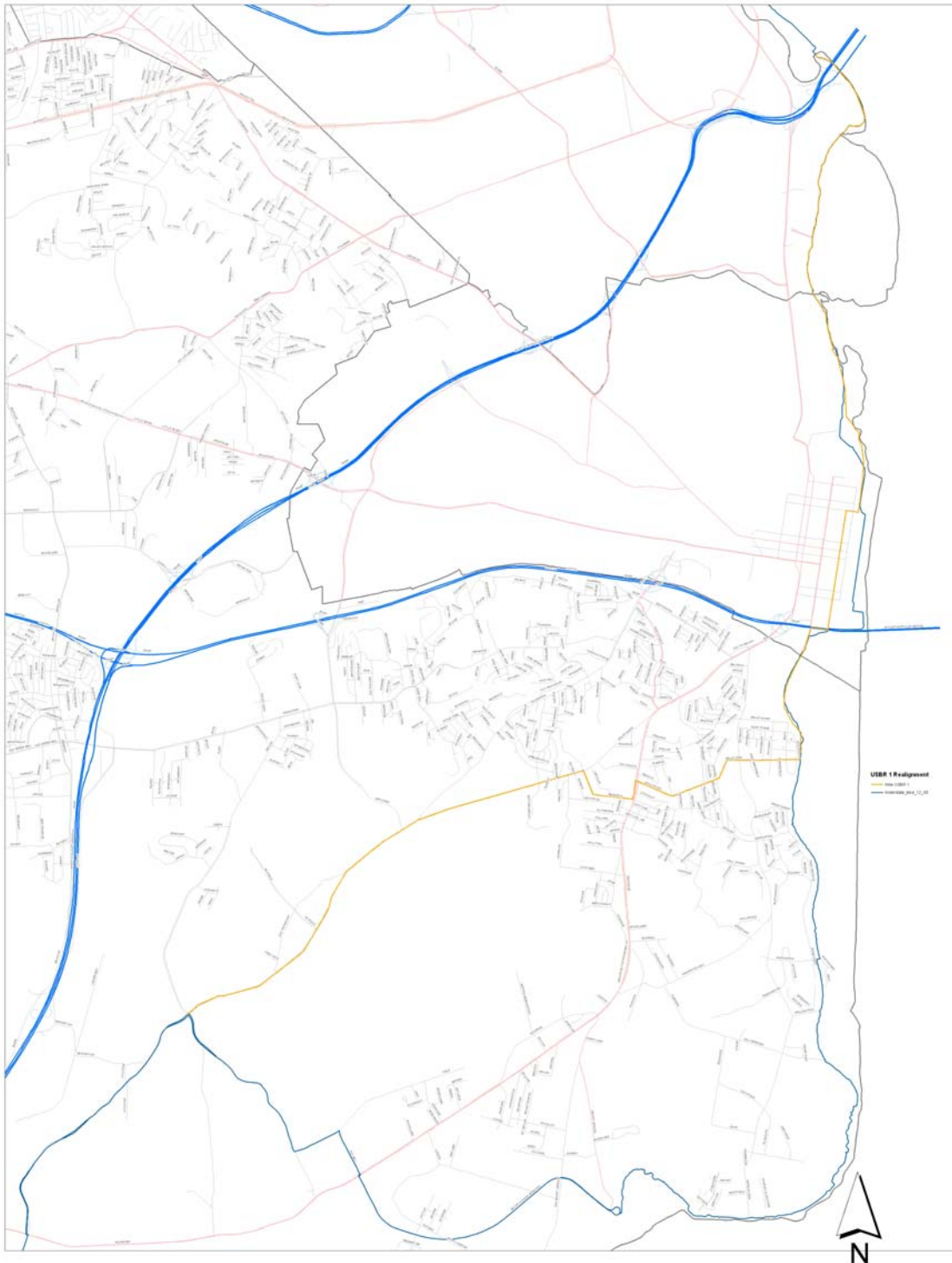
This change is supported by Fairfax County, Arlington County, City of Alexandria, Virginia Bicycling Federation, National Park Service, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and the East Coast Greenway.

Date facility available to traffic Immediately

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing U.S. Route? Yes If so, where? US 1 Richmond Hwy for .19 miles.

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing Interstate Route? no If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

**Map of state, or portion thereof, indicating proposed addition or change in the U.S. Numbered or Interstate Numbered System:**



All Detailed information is included in the attached files.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Application to AASHTO to recognize a relocation of U.S. Bicycle Route 1 in Northern Virginia.**

- **Acting District Administrator Mr. Morteza Salehi has endorsed this proposal.**
- **Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Mr. Jakob Helmboldt has endorsed this proposal.**
- **County and Town staff have endorsed this proposal.**
- **State bicycling interest groups have endorsed this proposal.**

**Pending approval of this relocation to the U.S. Bicycle Route system, VDOT will assemble a signage plan to U.S. Bicycle Route 1 which conform to the MUTCD. This addition will be included in the next publication of the Virginia State Bicycling Map and given to local interest groups to promote.**

The State agrees and pledges its good faith that it will not erect, remove, or change any U.S. or Interstate Route Markers on any road without the authorization, consent, or approval of the Standing Committee on Highways of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, notwithstanding the fact that the changes proposed are entirely within this State.

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The weighted average daily traffic volume along the proposed route, as shown on the map on page 3, is N/A as compared to N/A for the year N/A for all other U.S. Numbered Routes in the State.

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*The Purpose and Policy in the Establishment and Development of the United States Numbered Highways, as Retained from October 3, 1991 or the Purpose and Policy in the Establishment of a Marking System of the Routes Comprising the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as Retained from August 10, 1973 has been read and is accepted.*

In our opinion, this petition complies with the above applicable policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**Chief Executive Officer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Member Department)

This petition is authorized by official action of \_\_\_\_\_

under date of \_\_\_\_\_ as follows: (Copy excerpt from minutes.)

A letter from your Chief Executive Officer is sufficient with the CEO signature is sufficient or copying the CEO on the email message you send AASHTO when submitting your application.



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Dear Mr. Kanownik,

I am writing in support of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) efforts to delineate new and improved alignments for U.S. Bike Route 1 (USBR 1) in Northern Virginia. I believe that the proposed realignments and new routes provide a safer and more rideable corridor for USBR 1. These new and improved alignments were developed in consensus with the applicable local governments, regional and federal agencies, and interested stakeholder groups.

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission continues to support its local governments in the development and refinement of non-motorized transportation networks in Northern Virginia, identifying improvements to USBR 1 and other major bicycle and trail corridors become critically important to maintaining the region's bicycling infrastructure. VDOT's application to The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials will provide numerous benefits to the region, and should be approved expeditiously.

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to participate in this process and should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to learning of your successful acceptance of your application for USBR 1.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doug Pickford".

Douglas A. Pickford

Director

Division of Planning and Environmental Services

**From:** Kanownik, Kenneth J. [Kenneth.Kanownik@VDOT.Virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:55 AM  
**To:** Vitale, Marty  
**Subject:** FW: US BR 1

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**From:** Yon.Lambert@alexandriava.gov [mailto:Yon.Lambert@alexandriava.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2007 2:44 PM  
**To:** Kanownik, Kenneth J.  
**Subject:** US BR 1

Ken,

I have read and reviewed the changes associated with the proposed relocations for US Bicycle Route 1. The changes to US BR 1 within the City of Alexandria are acceptable in light of the fact that they are located on existing bikeways recognized by the City.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Yon Lambert  
Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Coordinator  
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Visit [www.AlexRide.org](http://www.AlexRide.org) and subscribe to eNews - Transportation Alternatives for regular updates about pedestrian and bicycle issues in Alexandria.



**From:** Kanownik, Kenneth J. [Kenneth.Kanownik@VDOT.Virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:53 AM  
**To:** Vitale, Marty  
**Subject:** FW: USBR 1application

[Ken Kanownik b ?](#)

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**From:** Charlie Denney [mailto:Cdenney@arlingtonva.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2007 1:26 PM  
**To:** Kanownik, Kenneth J.  
**Subject:** RE: USBR 1application

Ken,

Arlington supports this change.

Charlie Denney

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**From:** Kanownik, Kenneth J. [mailto:Kenneth.Kanownik@VDOT.Virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2007 11:59 AM  
**To:** Charlie Denney  
**Subject:** USBR 1application

Charlie,

I think I forgot to include you on this when I sent it out. The application makes an official declaration to make sure USBR 1 is on the MT. Vernon Trail and not the Parkway. Just an e-mail in return saying that you agree/endorse this change would be great. Thank you. The link below opens the application in PDF format.

[Ken Kanownik b ?](#)

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**From:** Galvin, Heidi E.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2007 3:51 PM  
**To:** Kanownik, Kenneth J.  
**Subject:** RE: large file request.

Ken:

This has been done.

**[CHECKLIST FOR U.S. ROUTE NUMBERING APPLICATION](#)**

Long Form Direct Hyperlink Address is:

[http://www.virginia.gov/projects/resources/USRN\\_Electronic%20Application%20Form%20\(USBR%201%20VA\).pdf](http://www.virginia.gov/projects/resources/USRN_Electronic%20Application%20Form%20(USBR%201%20VA).pdf)

Heidi

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**From:** Kanownik, Kenneth J.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2007 12:41 PM  
**To:** Galvin, Heidi E.  
**Subject:** large file request.

Heidi,

Here is the location of the file I called you about earlier. Just send a link back.

Thank you,

<T:\Tp\US Bike Route 1\USRN\_Electronic Application Form (USBR 1 VA).doc>



Kenneth Kanownik, b & ? Engineer  
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On Sep 12, 2007, at 2:37 PM, Kanownik, Kenneth J. wrote:

VDOT has received endorsement letters from Arlington County, City of Alexandria, and East Coast Greenway for the USBR 1 application to AASHTO for realignment and additions to the USBR system. Please remember the absolute last day we can receive the endorsement letter is September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007. However, we would like them as soon as possible.

If there are any questions or comments please feel free to contact me. My office hours are Mon-Thurs 8-3 and I can be reached at home from 4-9 M-F if there are any questions or concerns before sending an endorsement.

Thank you everyone for your time.

Kenneth Kanownik,  &  Engineer

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**ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!**

**From:** Kanownik, Kenneth J. [Kenneth.Kanownik@VDOT.Virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:54 AM  
**To:** Vitale, Marty  
**Subject:** FW: USBR1 - East Coast Greenway

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**From:** dgboutdoors@comcast.net [mailto:dgboutdoors@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2007 10:24 AM  
**To:** Kanownik, Kenneth J.  
**Subject:** USBR1 - East Coast Greenway

Ken:

This is to confirm in writing that the East Coast Greenway Alliance for Virginia supports the recommendations for the realignment of USBR1 for Northern Virginia, including the alternative routing in designated sections.

Thank you for your work on this project.

David G. Brickley  
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