

**American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials**



An Application from the State Highway or Transportation Department of

Virginia

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- Elimination of a **U.S. (Interstate)** Route
- Establishment of a **U.S. (Interstate)** Route
- Extension of a **U.S. (Interstate)**Route
- Relocation of a **U.S. (Interstate)** Route
- Establishment of a **U.S. Alternate** Route
- Establishment of a Temporary **U.S.** Route
- \*\*Recognition** of a Business Route on **U.S. (Interstate)** Route
- \*\*Recognition** of a By-Pass Route on **U.S.** Route
- \*Establishment of a **U.S. Bike** Route
- \*Relocation of a **U.S. Bike** Route

Between Richmond Hwy @ Telegraph Road and Lorton Road at Gunston Cove Road

The following states or states are involved:  
Virginia

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**For AASHTO Use Only**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Date application acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering \_\_\_\_\_

Date considered by the Standing Committee on Highways \_\_\_\_\_

Action of Standing Committee on Highways \_\_\_\_\_

Member Department Notified \_\_\_\_\_

- Attach map on page 3. Obtain Signatures, page 4. Other sections not applicable.
- \*\*** A local vicinity map needed on page 3. On page 6 a short statement to the effect that there are no deficiencies on proposed routing, if true, will suffice.
- If there are deficiencies, they should be indicated in accordance with page 5 instructions.
- All applications requesting **Interstate** establishment or changes are subject to concurrence and approval by the FHWA

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY TO [mvitale@aaashto.org](mailto:mvitale@aaashto.org)**

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 requests a change to the location of U.S. Bike Route 1 in Fairfax County

The request is to relocate U.S. Bike Route 1 addresses a bridge closure on Gunston Cove Road that has blocked the route. The bridge closure is indefinite and the relocation of the route will take advantage of several bicycle improvements in the corridor. The proposed change will include new facilities such as Shared Use Path, Wide Shoulders, or Bike Lanes. The new route will also eliminate several areas with no facilities, low sight distance, and reduce the total mileage of the route. The current mileage is 3.7 Miles and will be reduced to 1.75 Miles between termini.

The northern terminus of relocation is the intersection of Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) and Telegraph Road (State Route 611). The intersection of Lorton Road (State Route 643) and Gunston Cove Road (State Route 600) is the southern terminus of relocation.

The current route is as follows:

Traveling south on Telegraph Road, U.S. Bike Route 1 crosses Richmond Highway. Telegraph Road changes name to Old Colchester Road (still numbered State Route 611). Old Colchester Road is followed until the Intersection of Gunston Road (State Route 242), where U.S. Bike Route 1 makes a right turn onto Gunston Road. Crossing Richmond Hwy Gunston Road changes its name to Gunston Cove Road. The CSX bridge closure is approximately .5 miles from this location. U.S. Bike Route 1 then continues on Gunston Cove Road until it intersects Lorton Road. See log below:

State	Type	Intersection	Point to Point Mileage	Accumulated Mileage in State	Remarks
Virginia	Bicycle	Telegraph Road and Richmond Hwy	0	0	Start Terminus
		Old Colchester Road and Richmond Hwy	0	0	Continue Straight/Name Change at Intersection <i>Old Colchester Road</i>
		Old Colchester Road and Gunston Road	1.8	1.8	<i>Gunston Road</i>
		Gunston Road and Richmond Hwy	0.7	2.5	
		Richmond Hwy and Gunston Cove Road	0	2.5	Continue Straight/Name Change at Intersection <i>Gunston Cove Road</i>

Gunston Cove Road and Lorton Road	1.2	3.7	End Terminus
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The proposed route traveling south will have U.S. Bike Route 1 makes a RIGHT onto Richmond Hwy from Telegraph Road. Then, U.S. Bike Route 1 will make a RIGHT turn onto Lorton Road to its intersection with Gunston Cove Road where Lorton Road is currently designated as U.S. Bike Route 1. See log below:

State	Type	Intersection	Point to Point Mileage	Accumulated Mileage in State	Remarks
Virginia	Bicycle	Telegraph Road and Richmond Hwy	0	0	Start Terminus - <i>Richmond Hwy</i>
		Richmond Hwy and Lorton Road	0.75	0.75	<i>Lorton Road</i>
		Lorton Road and Gunston Cove Road	1	1.75	End Terminus

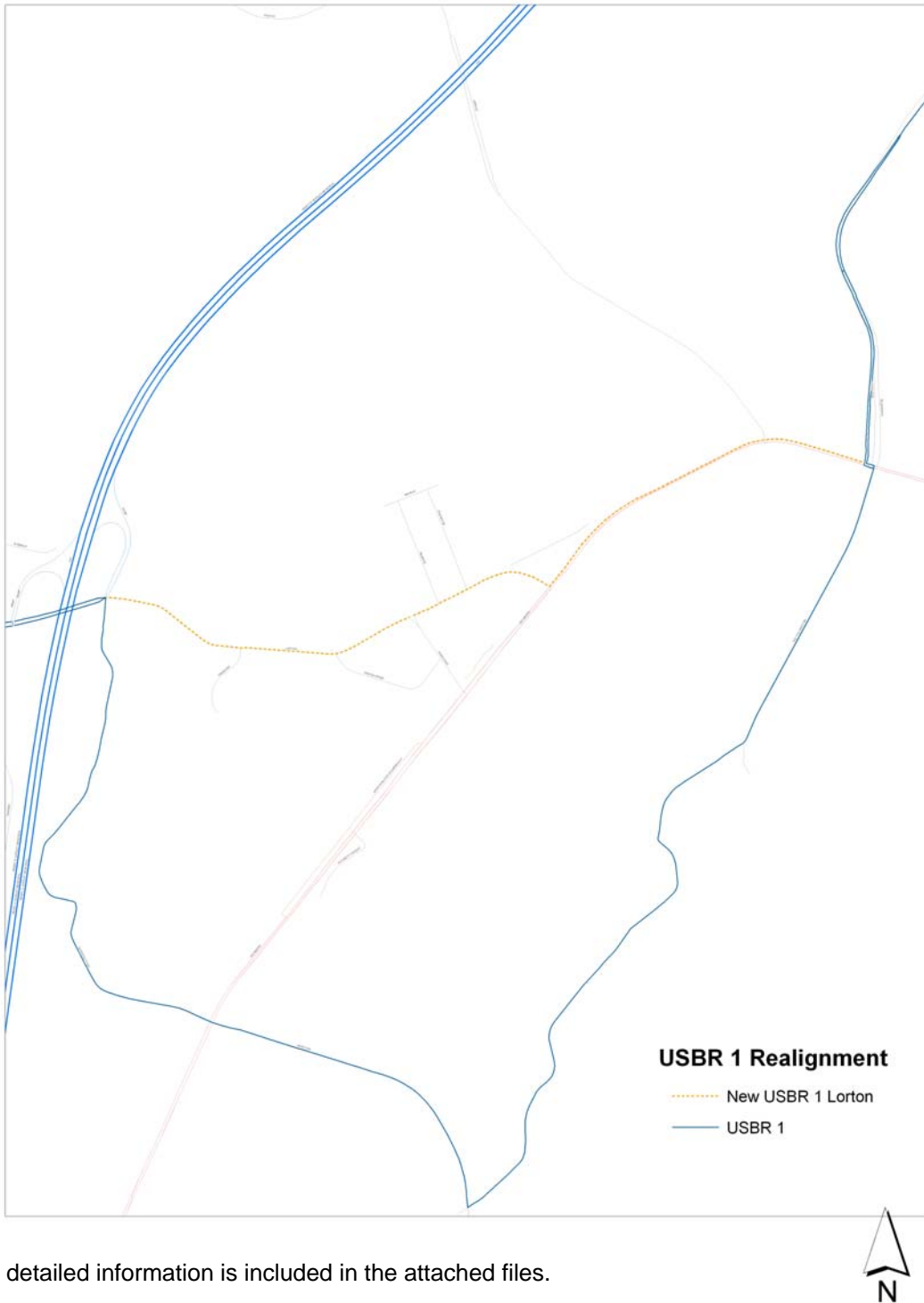
This change is supported by Fairfax County, Virginia Bicycling Federation, East Coast Greenway, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

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? Coincides with U.S. Highway 1 for part of the relocation.

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 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 U.S. Bicycle Route 1, 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.

**Chief Executive Officer**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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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September 12, 2007

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Hon. M. Jane Seeman

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  
Transportation & Environmental Services  
City of Alexandria  
703.838.4966 phone  
571.220.0842 mobile  
yon.lambert@alexandriava.gov

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  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Engineer  
VDOT NOVA Transportation Planning  
703-383-2239

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

Bicycle & Pedestrian 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  
Virginia Chair and National Trustee  
East Coast Greenway Alliance  
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