

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials



An Application from the State Highway or Transportation Department of

Virginia

for

Scenic 1

- 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 City of Alexandria at Mt. Vernon Trail and Fairfax County at Belle View Blvd.

The following states or states are involved:

Virginia

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 _____

- 8Attach 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

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 an addition to the U.S. Bike Route System (USBR) in the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, Virginia.

VDOT requests the addition of USBR 1 Scenic from the intersection of Pendleton Street and the Mt. Vernon Trail to the intersection of Telegraph Road and Mulligan Road.

With the Ft. Belvoir access closure the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is administering a highway project that parallels previous access through the fort. This new route (Mulligan Road) is currently in the Preliminary Engineering phase scheduled to be constructed mid 2010. We would like to propose a Scenic U.S. Bicycle Route 1 in the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County. The intent of the department is to open part of USBR 1 Scenic immediately and the remainder of the route when Mulligan Road is completed. There are two purposes for this designation. The first is to keep the current area along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County which includes beautiful vistas, parks, attractions, etc as part of a U.S. Bicycle Route. The second purpose is to provide an alternative to USBR 1 on Washington Street in the City of Alexandria. This also provides a riverfront route utilizing shared use path.

The proposed log is as follows:

State	Type	Intersection	Point to Point Mileage	Accumulated Mileage in State	Remarks
Virginia	Bicycle Scenic	Mt. Vernon Trail and Pendleton Street	0	0	Start Terminus <i>Pendleton Street</i>
		Pendleton Street and Union Street	.02	.02	On road segment of MV Trail <i>Union Street</i>
		Union Street and Mt. Vernon Trail	0.95	0.97	<i>Mt. Vernon Trail</i>
		Mt. Vernon Trail and North Down Road	4.04	5.01	On road segment of MV Trail <i>North Down Road</i>
		North Down Road and Alexandria Ave	0.18	5.19	On road segment of MV

Alexandria Ave and Mt. Vernon Trail	0.03	5.22	Trail <i>Alexandria Ave</i> On road segment of MV Trail
Mt. Vernon Trail and Fort Hunt Road	2.34	7.56	<i>Mt. Vernon Trail</i> <i>Ft. Hunt Road</i>
Fort Hunt Road and Mt. Vernon Trail	0.1	7.57	On road segment of MV Trail
Mt. Vernon Trail and Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy	2.96	10.53	<i>Mt. Vernon Trail</i> <i>Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy</i>
Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy and Richmond Hwy	3.07	13.6	
Richmond Hwy and Old Mill Road	0	13.6	Name change at intersection <i>Old Mill Road</i>
Old Mill Road and Pole Road	0.47	14.07	
Pole Road and Mulligan Road	0	14.07	Name change at intersection <i>Mulligan Road</i>
Telegraph Road-Mulligan Road	1.63	15.7	End Terminus

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

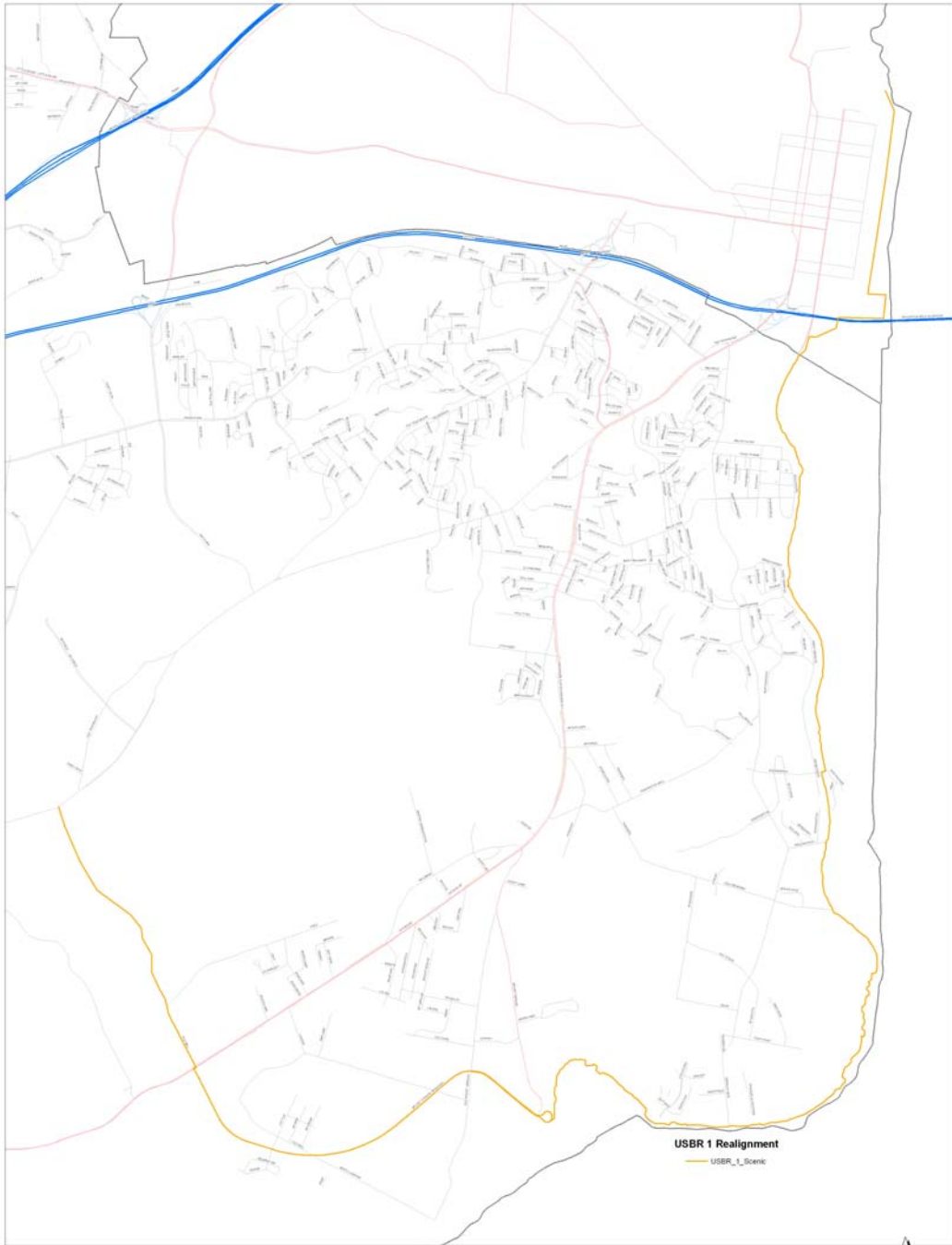
Date facility available to traffic: Immediately and fully complete mid 2010.

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing U.S. Route? Yes If so, where? It intersects US 1 (Richmond Hwy)

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:

The details of this map are included in the attached files.



September 12th, 2007

Application to AASHTO to recognize an establishment of a Scenic 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 addition to the U.S. Bicycle Route system, VDOT will assemble a signage plan to Scenic 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.

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.

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.



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

September 12, 2007

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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 black 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

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 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 ?](#)

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

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 ?](#)

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

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
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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 27th, 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

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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