

AN ORDINANCE NO. 87-153-157

ADOPTED JUL 13 1987

To close to public travel designated portions of certain streets, namely Chippenham Road, West Weyburn Road, Abbey Road, Arran Road, and Whitewood Road, for the purpose of the construction of the Parham-Chippenham Connector and in particular the construction of an interchange and bridge as part thereof; to maintain the right, title and interest of the City of Richmond in such closed portions of streets; and to provide for the effective date of closing upon written notice from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Patron - City Manager

Approved as to form and legality
by City Attorney

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That in order to facilitate the construction of the Parham-Chippenham Connector, and in particular the construction of an interchange and bridge as part thereof, such construction of the interchange and bridge having been previously considered and approved by the Council (Ordinances No. 87-12-18, 87-13-19; Resolution No. 87-R85-83), and acting pursuant to the authority granted the City of Richmond in Section 2.03 of its Charter, notwithstanding any contrary provision of Article VIII, Closing of Public Streets and Alleys to Public Use and Travel, of Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Richmond, the following portions of streets are closed to public travel as streets of the

City of Richmond, to the extent indicated below, with reference to certain drawings accompanying this ordinance and otherwise available for inspection at the office of the Department of Public Works:

Chippenham Road, from the closing point for public travel, being a proposed turnaround, to the northernmost right of way line of Chippenham Parkway, as shown cross-hatched on Department of Public Works Drawing No. N-21686.

West Weyburn Road, from the closing point for public travel, being a proposed turnaround, to the northernmost right of way line of Chippenham Parkway, as shown cross-hatched on Department of Public Works Drawing No. N-21687.

Abbey Road, from the closing point for public travel, being a proposed turnaround, to the easternmost right of way line of Huguenot Road, as shown cross-hatched on Department of Public Works Drawing No. N-21688.

Arran Road, from the closing point for public travel, being a proposed turnaround, to the westernmost right of way line of Huguenot Road, as shown cross-hatched on Department of Public Works Drawing No. N-21689.

Whitewood Road, from the closing point for public travel, being a proposed turnaround, to the northernmost right of way line of Chippenham Parkway, as shown cross-hatched on Department of Public Works Drawing No. N-21690.

The designated portions of such streets, as presently existing, are deemed to be no longer needed for the public convenience for purposes of travel, there existing a superseding public need in connection with the construction of the Parham-Chippenham Connector and for associated highway purposes.

§ 2. The portions of the streets closed to public travel by effect of the preceding section shall not be deemed abandoned by the City of Richmond, as such property is necessary for the highway purposes referenced above and shall be converted to appropriate public use in connection therewith.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force upon adoption. With respect to each particular street, a portion of which shall be closed, this ordinance shall take effect upon written notice to the City Manager from the Virginia Department of Transportation that closing of each such portion in a timely manner is necessary to assure the progress of construction of the Parham-Chippenham Connector, and in particular the construction of an interchange and bridge as part thereof.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION SUMMARY
CITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Resolution Ordinance No. 87-153
 Requested by City Manager
 Received City Manager's Office ----
 Summarized July 7, 1987

Subject
 To close designated portions of certain streets, Arran, Chippenha West Weyburn, Abbey and Whitewood Roads/Re: Purham-Chippenham Connector.

SUMMARY

This Ordinance would close to public travel designated portions of five streets for construction of the Parham-Chippenham Connector and in particular for the construction of an interchange and bridge; to maintain the right title and interest of the City, and to provide for the effective date of closing upon written notice from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Three of the streets involved--West Weyburn Road, Chippenham Road, and Whitewood Road currently connect with Chippenham Parkway east of Huguenot Road. They would be closed to travel at or near the Chippenham Parkway right-of-way so as to preclude intersections with the proposed westbound Chippenham Parkway ramp to Huguenot Road.

The other two closings, Abbey Road and Arran Road, would be terminated at the northbound Huguenot Road exit ramp to eastbound Chippenham and would be provided with a turnaround.

The Planning Commission granted approval (6-0) July 6, 1987.

COUNCIL ACTION

On Docket 7/13/87
 Amended
 Adopted
 Rejected

City of Richmond
City Planning Commission



900 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219
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July 7, 1987

To the Honorable Council of the
City of Richmond, Virginia

At its meeting of July 6, 1987, the City Planning Commission voted (6-0) to
recommend APPROVAL of:

Ordinance No. 87-153

To close to public travel designated portions of certain streets, namely Chippenham Road, West Weyburn Road, Abbey construction of the Parham-Chippenham Connector and in particular the construction of an interchange and bridge as part thereof; to maintain the right, title and interest of the City of Richmond in such closed portions of streets; and to provide for the effective date of closing upon written notice from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

This paper would close to public travel portions of five streets for the purpose of implementing approved plans prepared by the Virginia Department of Transportation (V.D.O.T.) for the interchange of the Parham-Chippenham Connector interchange with Huguenot Road. The interchange design, reflecting the street closings proposed by this paper, was included in the plans approved by the Planning Commission at its March 16, 1987, meeting for the segment of the project from Huguenot Road to Cherokee Road. A contract for this segment has been awarded by V.D.O.T. and construction is underway.

Three of the streets involved--West Weyburn Road, Chippenham Road, and Whitewood Road--currently connect with Chippenham Parkway east of Huguenot Road. They would be closed to travel at or near the Chippenham Parkway right-of-way so as to preclude intersections with the proposed westbound Chippenham Parkway ramp to Huguenot Road. West Weyburn and Chippenham Roads would be provided with turnarounds at the limited access point adjacent to the ramp. Whitewood Road would be terminated at its intersection with Chippenham Road.

The other two closings involve Abbey Road and Arran Road, which currently connect with Huguenot Road south of Chippenham Parkway. Abbey Road, which is on the east side of Huguenot Road, would be terminated at the northbound Huguenot Road exit ramp to eastbound Chippenham, and would be provided with a turnaround. Arran Road, located on the west side of Huguenot Road, would be terminated at the proposed southbound Huguenot Road exit ramp to westbound Parham/Chippenham. Arran Road would also be provided with a turnaround at its terminus.

In all cases, the vacated rights-of-way would be retained by the City and, where necessary, would be devoted to drainage and utility needs. The turnarounds to be provided would be situated on existing rights-of-way and adjacent properties already acquired by V.D.O.T. for the project.

July 7, 1987

In two instances, the closings represent modifications from the preliminary design plans initially presented at V.D.O.T.'s public hearing in January, 1986. West Weyburn and Chippenham Road were originally to be connected to one another, rather than terminated with turnarounds. This modification was made to avoid substantial impact on an adjacent residential property across which the connection was to be constructed.

The other modification involves Arran Road, which originally was to continue to connect with Huguenot Road. However, up-dated traffic data based on the proposed Stony Point development and more detailed study showed the need for the southbound Huguenot ramp ("Ramp D") to the westbound Connector. It was determined that the expected traffic volumes could not be accommodated safely and efficiently under the original plan, which included a signalized left-turn onto a ramp which would merge with the northbound exit ramp from Huguenot Road.

Residents in the Arran Road area have expressed opposition to the closing, principally in that it eliminates direct access to Huguenot Road. Residents have also questioned the validity of the traffic study which was conducted by the consultants for Stony Point and which identified the need for "ramp D." In response, the City asked the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (R.R.P.D.C.) staff to review the assumptions and conclusions of the study and to comment on the ramp issue. R.R.P.D.C. verified the consultants' conclusion and reported that the addition of "ramp D" to the interchange design is warranted based on traffic projections for the interchange.

The City Administration has met extensively with residents and made a substantial effort to identify a viable alternative to the closing. The alternatives considered were discussed in detail with the Planning Commission and will be presented to City Council. The Commission agreed with the conclusion of the Administration that there are no design options that would satisfy traffic safety and capacity requirements and avoid the need for the ramp or the closing of Arran Road. The Commission was informed that much of the ramp would be depressed so as to minimize noise and visual impact, and that commitments have been made to provide landscaping to buffer homes from the ramp and to provide higher priority snow removal to facilitate winter access to homes on Arran Road.

Several citizens attended the Commission meeting in opposition to the Arran Road closing. However, the Commission did not conduct a public hearing, since a hearing is scheduled before City Council. The Commission was, however, informed of the detailed concerns of the citizens as previously presented to Administration officials through public meetings held in May.

Very truly yours,


Jon P. Weersing
Secretary

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cc: Director - Department of Public Works