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The Honorable Sue Hansohn, Chair  
Culpeper County Board of Supervisors  
302 North Main Street  
Culpeper, Virginia 22701

**SUBJECT: County Financial Support for the By-pass Proposed by Spotsylvania County**

Dear Supervisor Hansohn,

Recently Spotsylvania County representatives met with your Board of Supervisors to ask for support for a new roadway from I-95 Exit 136 in Stafford County, extending westerly and terminating at Route 3 in Orange County. I understand that your Board of Supervisors voted to endorse further study of this idea.

As you may know, this idea for a completely new roadway arose in Spotsylvania County after the newly elected Board of Supervisors voted last year to object to a project aimed at alleviating congestion on Route 17 in Stafford County, I-95 in Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg and Route 3 traffic in the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County. The project they objected to was already approved by all local governments, the Fredericksburg Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO), VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Moreover the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) set aside funds to continue this project through the preliminary design and environmental assessment phase.

Now Virginia Transportation Secretary Sean Connaughton has found that the inability of local governments in the FAMPO Region to agree on a project or projects to alleviate congestion on I-95 and adjacent arterials is doing harm to I-95 generally and has asked for a resolution for funding by the CTB.

FAMPO has modeled the new Spotsylvania proposal and found that it does poorly at alleviating congestion, although it would cost a considerable amount of money, in the range of \$400 million or more.

Therefore FAMPO would like to know how serious people are about supporting this new Spotsylvania roadway idea. We would like to know if your county is willing to providing funding for the study, design and construction of this new roadway, and if your county is willing to adopt a Resolution pledging this financial support.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 540-455-7122, or FAMPO Administrator Lloyd Robinson at 540-226-8024.

Sincerely,

Matt Kelly  
FAMPO Chair

Cc: FAMPO Policy Committee Members  
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