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September 24, 2013

The Honorable Teel Goodwin, Chair
Orange County Board of Supervisors
112 West Main Street
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Orange, Virginia 22960

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

Dear Supervisor Goodwin,

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
Correspondence File

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October 11, 2013

Mr. Matt Kelly
FAMPO
406 Princess Anne Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly,

At their September 24, 2013, Board of Supervisors' meeting, the Board approved the enclosed resolution of support for further study of the proposed alternative connector road. While the County looks forward to learning more about this potential bypass road and the impacts it could have on the County, the Board of Supervisors is not willing to consider pledging any financial support without significant additional information and even with additional information, still may not pledge funding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (540) 672-3313.

Sincerely,


Julie G. Summs
County Administrator

Enclosure as stated

cc: Anthony Romanello, Stafford County Administrator
Frank Bossio, Culpeper County Administrator
Doug Barnes, Spotsylvania County Administrator
Gregg Zody, Planning and Zoning Director

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Regular Meeting

Res. No. 130924 - 7C

RE: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FURTHER STUDY OF THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE CONNECTOR ROAD

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors has been requested to review a proposed alternative connector road, also known as the "Fredericksburg Bypass Project"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project could potentially include a bypass highway that will run from Interstate 95 in Stafford County to Route 3 in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, such a bypass road could have a significant impact on Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Orange County does not currently have sufficient information to fully consider the potential impact of such a project on the County; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is unwilling to make any sort of commitment, financially or in support of the proposed project, without significant additional information; and

WHEREAS, Orange County does have an interest in receiving additional information on the potential bypass road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby express an interest in learning more about the proposed bypass road, and does hereby support further study of the project, so long as such studies are conducted at no cost to Orange County.

Votes:

Ayes: Abbs, White, Goodwin, Wilson, Frame.

Nays: None.

Absent from Vote: None.

Absent from Meeting: None.

**For Information: Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney
Glenda Bradley, Finance Director
Douglas Barnes, Spotsylvania County Administrator**



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