

Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania vote on I-95 corridor fix suggestions

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Fredericksburg on Tuesday weighed in with its suggestions to improve the Interstate 95 corridor, something the Virginia Department of Transportation will assess as regional transportation planners struggle with infighting.

Meanwhile, Spotsylvania's Board of Supervisors also touched on the subject at its Tuesday meeting.

At the meeting, the Spotsylvania supervisors voted, 6-1, to enhance its recommended improvements, initially approved in September. Emmitt Marshall cast the lone dissenting vote.

The original resolution supported the Spotsylvania bypass. That road would start in Stafford and run through Culpeper and end in Orange County near Route 20, but would not enter Spotsylvania. The resolution also supported elements of the Rappahannock River Crossing project and suggested adding I-95 ramps to Harrison and Courthouse roads.

Tuesday's resolution states that a southward extension connecting the Spotsylvania bypass to I-95 should be considered. It also says the supervisors would be open to the bypass being rerouted into Spotsylvania. In the resolution, the board reiterated its opposition to the Rappahannock Parkway, a proposed four- to six-lane tolled road that would run from the Welcome Center on I-95 to Route 3 at Gordon Road. The Spotsylvania bypass is the county's alternative to the parkway.

(For more details, click on [Spotsy alt resolution](#) and [Spotsy alt resolution analysis](#).)

Fredericksburg City Council on Tuesday unanimously selected its suggestion—basically the original Rappahannock River Crossing project, including the Rappahannock Parkway portion.

The Rappahannock River Crossing calls for improvements to the U.S. 17 and Route 3 interchanges and the addition of collector-distributor roads running parallel to Interstate 95 between the interchanges. That would include new northbound and southbound bridges next to the current Interstate 95 bridge over the Rappahannock.

(Click [here](#) for Fredericksburg council resolution.)

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