

FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (FAMPO)

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Chairperson

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FAMPO RESOLUTION FY 08-06

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW INTERSTATE I-95 INTERCHANGE IN THE VICINITY OF U.S. ROUTE 17 IN SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the FAMPO Region continues to experience rapid growth and development, and

WHEREAS, this Regional growth and development continues to cause traffic congestion and safety issues on the Regional roadway system, and

WHEREAS, the existing Massaponax Interchange on I-95 at mile post 126 is heavily congested, and

WHEREAS, a new I-95 Interchange south of Massaponax and north of Thornburg will provide relief to the congestion and safety issues at Massaponax, and

WHEREAS, this new Interchange is supported by Spotsylvania County and included in its current Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, further development in the Jackson Gateway Area, including a new hospital, as well as proposed development such as Summit Crossing in the same area, will require improved roadways in the area, as well as new I-95 access, in order to assure safe and efficient traffic operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT IT SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW INTERSTATE 95 INTERCHANGE SOUTH OF THE EXISTING INTERCHANGE AT MASSAPPONAX, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT IT SUPPORTS TAKING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY LEADING UP TO THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS NEW INTERCHANGE, INCLUDING CONDUCT OF AN INTERCHANGE JUSTIFICATION REPORT (IJR).

Adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee at its meeting on February 25, 2008.

FAMPO Resolution 08-06

Chairman
Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: _____

Marti Donley

From: Lloyd Robinson
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:37 AM
To: Marti Donley
Subject: Attachment for Spotsylvania Interchange

Dave,

Thanks for talking this morning about the fact that we are looking at two new Interchange projects here in our Region. One project is the Rest Area Interchange/Toll Road project leading from I-95 in the City of Fredericksburg to Route 3 in Spotsylvania County, essentially Alternative 5 of the Outer Connector. The other project is a new Interchange south of the existing Exit 126 on I-95, in association with approved and prospective development there. In our conversation you and I discussed the fact that the same principles of adherence to State and Federal rules, sound project management, Regional consensus and viability of funding apply to any new Interchange project, including these.

In the fourth point of your email below you speak to the depressed State of Virginia revenues for transportation under the Commonwealth's current tax system and how you do not want to take on new projects.

I want to make sure you understand that, if it is proven feasible in our current study, the Rest Area/Toll Road Interchange project in the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County may have at its disposal about \$16 million of funding pledged by the Celebrate Virginia Community Development Authority and an as yet unknown amount of funds from tolls collected on the new Toll Road leading to Route 3. These are non-State monies, and I would urge the Commonwealth to consider them in its policy about taking on new projects. In partnership with VDOT and FHWA, our study will seek to investigate and prove out project feasibility, project costs and project revenues over the next several months.

But again, these sorts of non-State revenues are a major change to the Commonwealth's current revenue calculation, just as they are a major new facet of State, Federal and Regional transportation project finance planning.

The second new Interchange project, south of Exit 126, may have similar fiscal attributes attached to it. I simply don't know, as we have not even yet defined the IJR scope or who will conduct it.. We are scheduled to discuss this other new Interchange at the FAMPO Board meeting on February 25th, and no doubt one question will be the priority of which project goes first.

Sorry I failed to mention this important point in our conversation this morning.

Mea culpa.

Thanks.

Lloyd

From: Lloyd Robinson
Sent: Mon 2/18/2008 9:02 AM
To: Ekern, David S.; Ogle, David E.; Kerley, Malcolm T., P.E.; Walton, Richard L., Jr.
Cc: Matthew Kelly; Hapconnors@aol.com
Subject: RE: New Spotsylvania Interchange

Thanks Dave,

You are aware I know that my email refers to the next new Interchange proposal, after the Rest Area project.

2/20/2008

This is the proposed new access site south of Exit 126.

I understand that the same principles you put forth here apply to any proposed new Interchange project.

With this email I will make sure Regional elected officials are aware of your views.

Again thanks.

Lloyd

From: Ekern, David S. [mailto:David.Ekern@VDOT.Virginia.gov]
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 9:35 PM
To: Ogle, David E.; Kerley, Malcolm T., P.E.; Walton, Richard L., Jr.; Lloyd Robinson
Subject: FW: New Spotsylvania Interchange

Folks.....

I appreciate being included in this email trail.

I should make a couple of points clear so that we do not spend a lot of time chasing the wrong stuff.

First, I understand that VDOT decided and reached agreement with FAMPO for them to manage and lead the effort to gather the information for preparation of the IJR. This was a specific decision and agreement.

Second, we all know that there are several decisions that will need to be made since this is an access opening to an Interstate. FHWA approval will be required regardless of funding.

Third, if VDOT is going to allow or request another entity (unit of government) to undertake project studies or processing, that will occur only after there is a specific agreement with the agency volunteering and authorization to proceed. My opinion is that on the Interstate system that would require the Commissioner's involvement.

Fourth, funding will be an issue. As we all are now aware revenues will be severely reduced over the next 4-6 years. And I would hate to have earmarks for a project for which we have no match or for which the FHWA was not willing to open access.

**Thanks
Dave**

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