

**MOTION:**

**October 4, 2005**

**Regular Meeting**

**SECOND:**

**Res. No. 05-**

**RE: ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL FOR GAINESVILLE/BUCKLAND BYPASS WITH FAUQUIER COUNTY**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan identifies an I-66/Route 29 Connector Road (Gainesville/Buckland Bypass) as a Highway Corridor Study Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan states, "Recognizing that certain road links in the sector plan area (I-66/Route 29) will operate below the desired LOS D due primarily to through traffic. In order to minimize impacts: the plan supports an alternative route in Fauquier County to provide access to I-66 west of Route 15...;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Gainesville/Buckland Bypass has been examined by the Virginia Department of Transportation in 1998 as the Route 29 Bypass; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gainesville/Buckland Bypass was also examined by the Federal Highway Administration's and National Park Service's Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Environmental Impact Statement in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly has authorized funding for a study of a possible alternative to Route 15 between Route 29 and Interstate 66 in the 2005 Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation identified \$100,000 in its 2005-2006 Six-Year Improvement Plan for a Pre-NEPA Study of Buckland Bypass for Prince William and Fauquier Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation has asked Prince William and Fauquier Counties to work jointly in examining the potential bypass; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Raymond E. Graham of the Fauquier Board of County Supervisors has agreed to participate in the study and designated representatives to take the lead for their County; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County supports studying and receiving additional funding for full examination of the Gainesville/Buckland Bypass;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors agrees to establish a working group of elected officials, including Chairman Sean T. Connaughton and Supervisor W.S. Wally Covington III, as the Board's representatives and Supervisor John T. Stirrup to serve as an alternative representative, to examine the potential for a Gainesville/Buckland Bypass with Fauquier County.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

**For Information:**

Public Works Director

Transportation Division Chief

Planning Director

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**Clerk to the Board**



Craig S. Gerhart  
County Executive

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September 23, 2005

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**TO:** Board of County Supervisors

**FROM:** Robert W. Wilson  
Director of Public Works *RW Wilson*

**THRU:** Craig S. Gerhart  
County Executive

**RE:** Establish a Working Group to Examine the Potential for  
Gainesville/Buckland Bypass with Fauquier County

Per your request, County staff has drafted a resolution to establish a working group to examine the potential for a Gainesville/Buckland Bypass. This working group and resolution are being initiated by the Board, in response to the June 28, 2005 letter from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to Chairmen Connaughton and Graham, asking Prince William and Fauquier Counties respectively to take the lead in initiating the effort. The FY05-06 VDOT Six-Year Plan identifies and allocates \$100,000, divided between the two Counties evenly, for this effort.

Chairman Raymond E. Graham responded to the letter from VDOT by expressing his willingness to participate in this effort along with Supervisors Downey and Atherton, in a letter sent to VDOT with a copy to Chairman Connaughton on August 3, 2005.

On September 6, 2005, Chairman Connaughton introduced the attached resolution to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors during Supervisors time as an information item, and directed staff to finalize the resolution and assist the Board in initiating this effort.

If you have any further questions or need any more information, please contact Tom Blaser or Rick Canizales at (703) 792-6825.

Cc: Assistant County Executive, SLR  
Tom Blaser, Transportation Division Chief

Attachments