

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2003 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-32-2003

Proposed by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Shapiro, Dean, Harrington, Peters,
Hendershot and Knotts

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 10, 2003

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Intercounty Connector (ICC)

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council's opposition to construction of the
 4 Intercounty Connector (ICC)

5 WHEREAS, the Brookings Institution report, "A Region Divided" found that
 6 the Washington region is divided by jobs, income, and economic opportunity, with the
 7 eastern half, including much of Prince George's County, facing a lack of jobs and
 8 economic opportunity, while the western portion of the region, including Montgomery
 9 County, faces rapid economic growth; and

10 WHEREAS, a 2001 report by the Council of Governments found the expansion of I-
 11 270 in the late 1980's coincided with a shift of job growth away from Washington, DC
 12 and Prince George's County to the I-270 corridor; and

13 WHEREAS, the ICC would draw economic investment and jobs out of Prince
 14 George's County to Montgomery County and the I-270 corridor; and

15 WHEREAS, studies provided by the Transportation Solutions Group and the State
 16 Highway Administration indicate that such a highway would not relieve Beltway traffic
 17 in any significant way and would leave many intersections at both ends of the proposed
 18 ICC badly congested; and

19 WHEREAS, the proposed Master Plan alignment for the ICC has severe
 20 environmental impacts; and

21

1 WHEREAS, in September 1999, after an 18-month review that included input from
2 local government officials, the Transportation Solutions Group provided a report
3 containing recommendations to address East-West transportation issues; and

4 WHEREAS, a combination of link, intersection, land use, and transit improvements,
5 including the Inner Purple Line, are viable alternatives to construction of the ICC, a new
6 highway that has been determined would result in unacceptable environmental impacts;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, travel data indicates that the projected trips in Prince George's County
9 are highly varied in origin and destination and do not justify the need for a continuous
10 East-West highway; and

11 WHEREAS, on September 22, 1999, after review of the report of the
12 Transportation Solutions Group, Governor Parris N. Glendening announced that he
13 would not support the construction of the ICC between I-95 and I-270, and proposed a
14 combination of link, intersection, and transit improvements which are currently in various
15 stages of design and construction; and

16 WHEREAS, on December 14, 2001, the Prince George's County Council, County
17 Executive and Chairman of the Prince George's County Transportation Oversight
18 Committee submitted the Joint Signature letter on State Transportation Priorities to the
19 Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, supporting project planning for
20 alternatives to the construction of the ICC between I-95 and I-270, including an East-
21 West Link between US 29 and US 1 and transit service improvements; and

22 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council has authority over the
23 development and approval of Master Plans that provide the basis for land use and related
24 transportation decisions in Prince George's County;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince
26 George's County, Maryland, that the Council opposes the construction of the ICC
27 between I-95 and I-270 on its proposed Master Plan alignment as well as any alternative
28 alignments that are not shown in the Master Plan and supports alternatives to the ICC,
29 including link, intersection, and transit improvements.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the effective date of this resolution, it
31 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Council to the Governor, Federal Highway

1 Administration, State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation
2 and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Peter A. Shapiro
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council