

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/30/2004
Reference No.: CR-070-2004
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Dernoga
Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Peters, Dean
Item Title: A Resolution requesting that the State Highway Administration advance the schedule of funding for the design and Engineering for U. S. Route 1 improvements currently included in the State's Consolidated Transportation Program FY 2005-2009

Drafter: Sandra Eubanks, Director THE Committee
Resource Personnel: Eric Foster, M-NCPPC

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	Executive Action:
Committee Referral: 10/26/2004 - THE	Effective Date:
 Committee Action: 11/23/2004 - FAV	
 Date Introduced: 10/26/2004	
Public Hearing:	
Council Action (1) 11/30/2004 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:-, TK:A, DP:A	
Pass/Fail: P	
Remarks:	

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date 11/23/2004

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrington, Peters, Dean and Knotts).

Staff summarized the purpose of the resolution and written referral comments that were received. CR-70-2004 requests funding for the design and engineering of the improvements recommended in the selected alternate for the US Route 1 project. This project is located at Baltimore Avenue between College Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue and is included in the State Highway Consolidated Transportation Plan for planning to identify and implement the needed improvements. While an alternate has been selected, the design and engineering for US 1 improvements have not been funded. CR-70-2004 requests that funding be allocated so that design and engineering activities will begin during FY 2006. This project is identified as numbered six (6) in the County's Joint Signature letter on State Transportation Project Priorities. In July 2004, the Mayor and City Council of College Park formally made the same request.

The Sponsor of the resolution explained that the improvements to US Route 1 are necessary to the health and welfare of those operating vehicles and bicycles on the road as well as the pedestrians.

Representatives from the City of College Park spoke in support of CR-70-2004.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-70-2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The Draft Consolidated Transportation Plan, which the Maryland Department of Transportation released on October 14, 2004, did not show funding for design work on the U.S. Route 1 project in College Park. Funding is shown to complete the project planning in the amount of \$1,228,000 in FY04 and \$75,000 in FY05.

The study examined alternatives to reconstruct U.S. Route 1 from College Avenue to Sunnyside (3.25 miles). On August 31, the SHA announced that an alternate had been selected for design and engineering. The improvement would include four through lanes with a median. Sidewalks and wide curb lanes will be included where appropriate. Major traffic congestion is experienced along this segment of U.S. Route 1. This project would improve traffic operations, pedestrian circulation and safety by providing greater separation of through traffic, turning traffic, and non-vehicular traffic. This project would also accommodate planned revitalization within College Park and support the recommendations of the U.S. 1 College Park Sector Plan approved in April of 2002. Therefore, the Council supports the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park in requesting that the General Assembly and State Highway Administration advance the schedule of funding for the design and engineering for U. S. Route 1 improvements.

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