

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**2000 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-69-2000Proposed by Council Member EsteppIntroduced by Council Member Estepp

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 14, 2000**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Construction Standards for Scenic and Historic Roads

3 For the purpose of amending the General Specification and Standards for Highway and Street
4 Construction to provide construction standards for scenic and historic roads.

5 WHEREAS, Subtitle 23 (Roads and Sidewalks) of the County Code authorizes the County
6 Council to designate Scenic Roads; and

7 WHEREAS, the County Council has designated certain portions of County roads as Scenic
8 Roads to preserve the scenic and historic character of those roads to the greatest possible extent
9 consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare, and therefore roadway improvements
10 should be limited to those necessary to meet safety requirements and otherwise satisfy prudent
11 design and construction standards; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Transportation's General Specifications
13 and Standards for Highway and Street Construction, adopted in 1989 has not been amended to
14 provide standards for the construction of roadway improvements on scenic and historic roads;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, with the adoption of CR-113-1992 on November 10, 1992, the Director of the
17 Department of Public Works and Transportation was directed to draft Design and Construction
18 Standards for scenic and historic roads, in cooperation with the historic preservation and
19 transportation planning staff of the Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park
20 and Planning Commission, and forward such Standards to the County Council by July 1, 1993,
21 for review and appropriate action by the County Council; and

22 WHEREAS, although various draft Design Guidelines and Standards and Scenic and

1 Historic Roads Manuals have been published by the Department of Public Works and
 2 Transportation in 1994, 1996, and 1997, the County Council has not adopted standards and
 3 design guidelines for the construction of improvements to designated scenic roads; and

4 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Transportation has proposed and
 5 required the construction of urban features for the portion of Old Crain Highway that was
 6 designated as a scenic road by the County Council by the adoption of CR-39-1999 on July 27,
 7 1999.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 9 County, Maryland, that the Department of Public Works and Transportation 's General
 10 Specifications and Standards for Highway and Street Construction, adopted in 1989, are hereby
 11 amended in part to provide standards for the construction of roadway improvements on scenic
 12 and historic roads, as follows:

- 13 1. Standard 15 shall be used for scenic and historic roads designated as a collector roadway.
- 14 2. Standard 15A shall be used for scenic and historic roads designated as a rural residential
- 15 roadway.
- 16 3. Standard 15B shall be used for scenic and historic roads designated as a secondary rural
- 17 road.
- 18 4. Street lighting shall not be permitted or required on any designated scenic or historic road.
- 19 5. Curbs, gutters, and sidewalks shall not be permitted or required on any designated scenic or
- 20 historic road.
- 21 6. Section 78.34 shall be renumbered to be Section 78.35.
- 22 7. A new Section 78.34 shall read as follows:

23 "SECTION 78.34 Scenic and Historic Road Lighting

24 Lights on scenic and historic roads will be installed only at intersections with other primary and
 25 secondary streets. The placement, type, and design will be similar to the requirements for lights
 26 on the intersecting street. No other lights will be permitted or required."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works and Transportation, in
 28 cooperation with the historic preservation and transportation planning staffs of the Planning
 29 Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, shall draft design
 30 and construction standards for scenic and historic roads and forward such standards to the
 31 County Council no later than February 1, 2001 for review and appropriate action by the County

1 Council.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2000.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

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