

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**1996 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-23-1996Proposed by Council Members Estepp and GourdineIntroduced by Council Members Estepp and Gourdine

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction May 7, 1996**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Construction of the Replacement for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge

For the purpose of expressing the preference of the County Council for the twelve lane high bridge option for the replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge is a drawspan southern crossing of Interstate 95 across the Potomac River between Virginia and Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge is aging from the heavy interstate and regional traffic and must be replaced to maintain a southern connection between residences and places of employment in Maryland and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, several options have been studied for replacement structures for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in several alignments adjacent to or within the present alignment; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has received briefings about the various proposed alignments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the County Council, having received information concerning the costs and technical feasibility of various proposed southern crossing alternatives, supports the option of a twelve lane high bridge replacement on the current alignment for the following reasons:

1. The twelve lane high bridge option provides the lowest total cost to construct.
2. The twelve lane high bridge option provides the best vehicle mobility.

3. The twelve lane high bridge option provides the best maritime access and promotes economic development related to maritime activities.
4. The twelve lane high bridge option incurs the least environmental impact to the Potomac River and the Maryland and Virginia shore.
5. The twelve lane high bridge option is quickest of the options to construct, thereby reducing inconvenience to regional and interstate traffic at the southern crossing and reducing the diversion of traffic to the northern crossing at the American Legion Bridge and traffic through the District of Columbia.
6. The twelve lane high bridge option will be able to accommodate commuter light rail, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 1996.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council