

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 11/13/2001

Reference No.: CR-72-2001

Proposer: Estep

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Estep

Item Title: A Resolution concerning U.S. 301 Southern Corridor
Transportation Study Recommendations

Drafter: Sandra Eubanks, Director
Transportation, Housing &
Environment Committee

Resource Personnel: Eric Foster, Supervisor,
Transportation, Planning
Section M-NCPPC

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 11/6/2001 THE

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 11/8/2001 FAV

Date Introduced: 11/6/2001

Public Hearing: __/__/__ :__ __

Council Action: 11/13/2001 ADOPTED

Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 11/8/01

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0, (In favor: Council Members Estep, Gourdine, Hendershot and Shapiro)

Staff gave an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received. Pursuant to CR-34-1999, a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was established to evaluate the State Highway Administration alternatives for a Waldorf Bypass in the U.S. 301 South Corridor Study. The CAC held several meetings during 2000 to receive briefings on the issues and work done prior to its creation from the SHA and the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, then met jointly with the previously appointed Charles County CAC to continue the evaluation of the alternatives. The Prince George's CAC completed its recommendations on June 25, 2000.

The sponsor of CR-72-2001 indicates that the study of the 301 corridor has gone on for years. The Charles County CAC have been meeting three (3) years prior to the establishment of the Prince George's CAC. The establishment of a Prince George's CAC allowed for the County citizens to have some input.

Millie Kriemelmeyer spoke in support of CR-72-2001 indicating that she had information pertaining to costs associated with each recommendation. Mrs. Kriemelmeyer indicates that the flyover ramp at U.S. 301 is still being considered.

Harry Kriemelmeyer, CAC member, spoke in support of CR-72-2001 elaborating on the recommendations. The Prince George's CAC did not support a western bypass. However, they did support upgrade options for MD 5/US 301 south of T.B. Mr. Kriemelmeyer indicates that while the Prince George's CAC reached a consensus before the Charles County CAC, both Committees were in agreement with the recommendations. The Charles County Commissioners will not make their decision until March of 2002.

Gordon Gemeny spoke in opposition to CR-72-2001 indicating that the impact of an eastern bypass would in total be far greater than the western bypass. Mr. Gemeny recommended that CR-72-2001 be tabled to allow Charles County an opportunity to make their decision and that further costs study be considered.

The Prince George's CAC did not address the eastern bypass in their recommendations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This Resolution will adopt and endorse the Prince George's County Citizen Advisory Committee's (CAC) recommendations concerning the U.S 301 South Corridor Study and the Waldorf Bypass pursuant to CR-34-1999. The CAC evaluated the State Highway Administration alternatives for a Waldorf Bypass in the U.S. 301 South Corridor Study. The CAC consisted of seven members: three appointed by the County Executive, three appointed by the County Council, and a Chairman, jointly selected. The CAC held several meetings during 2000 to receive briefings on the issues and work done prior to its creation from SHA and M-NCPPC staff, then met jointly with the previously appointed Charles County CAC to continue the evaluation of the alternatives. The Prince George's CAC completed its recommendations on June 25, 2001.