

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 3/18/2003

Reference No.: CR-8-2003

Proposer: Knotts

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Knotts, Shapiro, Dean, Exum, Dernoga, Harrington, Peters

Item Title: A Resolution establishing the Prince George's County Council's position and support regarding funding of rail transit across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge from the Oxon Hill area to downtown Alexandria, Virginia

Drafter: Sandra Eubanks and
Robert Williams
Council Staff

Resource Eric Foster
Personnel: M-NCPPC

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: __/__/__

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: __/__/__

Date Introduced: 3/18/2003

Public Hearing: __/__/__ :__ __

Council Action: 3/18/2003 ADOPTED

Council Votes: PS:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Rail Transit Line will potentially include seven stations in Prince George's County and Northern Virginia, including National Harbor and Oxon Hill. The joint signature letter on State Transportation Priorities identified construction funding for the extension of rail transit from Branch Avenue to Alexandria as one of the County's top transit priorities. The 8.1 mile plan, estimated to cost between 1.2 and 1.5 billion, would call for the line to run largely at grade or above ground. The proposed Woodrow Wilson Bridge Rail Transit Line will relieve congestion on the new bridge, as well as I-95, a major north-south thoroughfare for interstate travel, and the Capital Beltway.

Federal Funding would be a major source of construction funds and the upcoming Federal surface transportation reauthorization legislation will play an important role in maintaining steady progress toward construction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Rail Transit Line. The Council endorses the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Rail Transit Line Project and urges the Maryland Department of Transportation to proceed expeditiously to complete studies for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Rail Transit Line necessary to meet the deadline for earmarking in the next Federal reauthorization and that the Governor and General Assembly provide the State financial support for this project.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: