

MOTION: CANDLAND

**May 21, 2013
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 13-322**

SECOND: CADDIGAN

**RE: ENDORSE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
I-66/ROUTE 15 INTERCHANGE PROJECT – GAINESVILLE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, this project will relieve congestion and enhance capacity of the I-66/Route 15 Interchange, and will improve traffic flow, safety, and pedestrian facilities in the area; and

WHEREAS, this project will construct a new flyover ramp from southbound Route 15 to eastbound Route 66; modify the existing ramps; widen the Route 15 bridges; improve the adjacent intersections at Heathcote Boulevard and Route 55; and construct a bicycle/pedestrian trail on the eastern side of Route 15; and

WHEREAS, all reasonable alternatives that met the project purpose and need were considered by the project technical team, which was made up of representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Prince William County, the Town of Haymarket, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); and

WHEREAS, the semi-directional ramp alternative was chosen as the preferred alternative to present at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, VDOT held the design public hearing on this project on March 20, 2013, at Battlefield High School in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, property owners will be informed of exact locations of the easements and land acquisitions once the design is finalized and during the right-of-way acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, the County and area businesses have requested VDOT to maintain access to all businesses on Route 15, where possible; and

WHEREAS, the County has also requested VDOT to examine the possibility of starting a separate project that would construct a railroad overpass on Route 15 near Route 55, in order for the interchange improvements to operate at full potential; and

WHEREAS, the design approval is anticipated for Summer 2013, and project advertisement is expected in Fall 2013, with project construction estimated to start in 2014 (schedule assumes design/build project delivery); and

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WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$73 million; design is \$7 million, right-of-way/utility relocation is \$12 million, and construction is \$54 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby endorse the Virginia Department of Transportation I-66/Route 15 Interchange Project.

Votes:

Ayes: Caddigan, Candland, Covington, Jenkins, May, Nohe, Principi, Stewart

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None

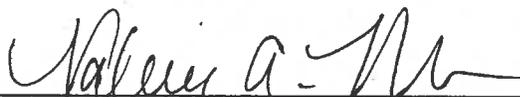
Absent from Meeting: None

For Information:

Transportation Director

Maria Sinner, VDOT

ATTEST: _____



Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board