

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2004
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: O. Marvin Sowers, Jr., Planning Director
SUBJECT: Route 31 Limited Access Line

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are working to transfer a portion of right-of-way along Route 31 between Route 359 and the James River. The Foundation wants to acquire the portions of the right-of-way for which VDOT has no future need. Although the Foundation has a permit to build on this right-of-way, ownership of this land would allow the building of the future parking lot, Shipwright's building, and Powhatan Indian boardwalk to take place on Foundation land rather than VDOT right-of-way. The land to be acquired is limited such that VDOT retains a sufficient amount of right-of-way to widen Route 31 to four lanes at a future date if traffic conditions dictate such a widening.

Prior to the transfer of right-of-way, the Board of Supervisors must approve the movement of the limited access line. As shown on the attached plat entitled "Dedication Plat Showing a Portion of Jamestown Road - Route 31 to be conveyed to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation" dated June 18, 2003, the limited access line is proposed to move west towards Route 31 from the line marked "AA" to the line marked "BB."

Staff does not believe the movement of the limited access line, nor the associated transfer of right-of-way, will have a negative impact on Route 31 or surrounding property since the ability is retained to widen Route 31 if future traffic conditions deem it necessary.

Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the attached resolution permitting the movement of the limited access line to the location indicated on the attached plat.

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Attachments:

1. Letter from Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
2. Dedication Plat
3. Resolution - Route 31 Limited Access Line