

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8, 2006

TO: The Board of Supervisors


FROM: John T. P. Horne, Development Manager

SUBJECT: Virginia Department of Transportation Project Nos. OT0615-047-169, PE101, RW201, C501, and Ironbound Road (Route 615) Widening and Improvements

On December 13, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved by resolution the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Six-Year Program for Secondary Roads (2006/07 through 2011/12) and the Construction Priority List (2006/07). The highest-ranked item on the Construction Priority List was the Ironbound Road project that proposes road widening, installation of medians, and other improvements along Ironbound Road between Strawberry Plains Road and the Longhill Connector Road.

On June 28, 2006, the James City County Planning Division, Development Management, and Community Services staff participated in a Design Public Hearing relating specifically to the Ironbound Road project. At this meeting, VDOT presented design plans for the various road improvements being proposed and addressed questions and comments from those in attendance. There is currently a continuing dialogue between VDOT and James City County to address and resolve concerns involving various elements of the proposed project. These discussions and negotiations are moving forward in a productive fashion, and staff feels that all concerns related to the design of the project will be resolved in a satisfactory manner in the near future. In the meantime, VDOT has requested a County resolution endorsing the project and requests that the project be approved by VDOT's Chief Engineer. The resolution is necessary at this time to meet FHWA scheduling and funding requirements.

Based on these observations, staff recommends approval of the attached resolution regarding proposed design, once amended, to address the concerns of James City County for the Ironbound Road project.



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