



County of Prince Edward
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: July 13, 2010
Item No.: 18
Department: County Administration
Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Puckett
Issue: Correspondence

Summary:

Attachments:

- a. Letter to Norfolk Southern, RE: Rt. 623 Bridge
- b. Letter from STEPS, Inc.
- c. Citizen E-mail, Re: Fowl Running at Large
- d. Citizen E-mail, Re: Compliment from Senator Ruff

Recommendation: None.

Motion _____
Second _____

Campbell _____
Jones _____
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Fore _____
McKay _____
Wiley _____

Gantt _____
Simpson _____

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COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA

June 21, 2010

Mr. W. Bruce Wingo, Resident Vice President
Norfolk Southern Corporation
325 Old City Hall
1001 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Wingo:

The County of Prince Edward would like to request assistance from Norfolk Southern with the maintenance required on the highway bridge structure located at railroad milepost 6.92 on Route 623 in Prince Edward County, Virginia (VA Structure No 6019). The bridge structure is owned and maintained by Norfolk Southern.

According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, a safety inspection was conducted on April 29, 2010, which revealed critical maintenance conditions requiring immediate attention. The attached Bridge Critical Recommendation Form was sent to Norfolk Southern on May 4, 2010 and as of June 1, 2010, VDOT has not received a response.

The effect of the maintenance deficiencies has caused the bridge to be load posted for 3 tons, down from the original 10 tons. This means that school buses and emergency vehicles are prohibited from crossing the bridge.

The Prince Edward County Public Schools will open on August 16, 2010. If the buses have to be re-routed around this bridge, this will require an eight to nine mile detour – one way – twice a day for each day that the bridge is inaccessible to school buses. This easily adds twenty to thirty minutes to the bus route every morning and every afternoon.

While the mileage of the detour for emergency vehicles is shorter, approximately four to five miles, the timing is far more critical. Houses just over the bridge are looking at an eight to ten minute delay for emergency response because the detour to reach them is on secondary roads.

We are most appreciative of any assistance you might provide with having the bridge repairs completed at the earliest possible time. Please do not hesitate to call me or Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, if we may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

W.W. Bartlett
County Administrator

Enclosure

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Sarah Puckett

From: Jonathan Pickett [jpickett@co.prince-edward.va.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 10:04 AM
To: spuckett@co.prince-edward.va.us
Subject: Fw: Bridge Safety Inspection - Critical Recommendations
Attachments: 0736019 CR 2010.doc

This is the latest correspondence on the railway bridge issue.

JP

----- Original Message -----

From: Milton, Jeffrey L.
To: Garber, Michael A. ; Barret, W. Ralph
Cc: Torrence, Danny R. ; Wright, Kevin B. ; Ahmad, Anwar S., P.E. ; Krempl, Jason, P.E. ; jpickett@co.prince-edward.va.us
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:30 AM
Subject: Fw: Bridge Safety Inspection - Critical Recommendations

The attached Bridge Critical Recommendation Form was sent to Norfolk Southern on May 4.

This office has not received a response to this communication.

We would appreciate any assistance that you can provide in obtaining a response from the railroad.

Thank you.

From: Milton, Jeffrey L.
To: 'tdwyatt@nscorp.com' <tdwyatt@nscorp.com>
Cc: Wiles IV, Thomas A. (Tim); McClain, John R; Walus, Kendal, P.E.; Ahmad, Anwar S., P.E.; Krempl, Jason, P.E.; Torrence, Danny R.; Wright, Kevin B.; Barret, W. Ralph; Garber, Michael A.; Clark, Richard S.; Grizzle, Jim F.; 'jpickett@co.prince-edward.va.us' <jpickett@co.prince-edward.va.us>
Sent: Tue May 04 14:59:56 2010
Subject: Bridge Safety Inspection - Critical Recommendations

Route 623 over NS Railway

VA Structure No. 6019

Prince Edward County, Virginia

Railroad Milepost 6.92

Enclosed is a copy of a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) "Critical Recommendation Form" for the Route 623 bridge that is owned and maintained by the Norfolk Southern Corporation.

The April 29, 2010 safety inspection revealed the following critical conditions requiring your attention:

- Stringer bearing clip angles and connection rivets have severe corrosion/section loss.
- Floor beam webs behind stringers have severe section loss in area behind stringers adjacent to bearing clip angles.

- Several stringers have severe decay.

Please complete the lower portion of the enclosed form indicating what action the railroad will take regarding the recommended repairs, and return a copy to this office as soon as possible. Follow-up documentation via the enclosed form as to the action taken to correct critical bridge conditions is required by VDOT policy, and must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). We will forward a copy of your form to the FHWA upon notification the recommended repairs have completed.

The recommended repairs should be completed within the next 90 days.

This bridge has been load posted for 3 tons.

An electronic copy of the bridge safety inspection report will be sent at a later date.

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Thank you.

<<0736019 CR 2010.doc>>

J. L. Milton

District Structure & Bridge Safety Inspection Engineer

Structure and Bridge Section

Lynchburg District VDOT

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Route: 623 (Twin Bridges Road) NBIS (Y/N) Y
 Over: Norfolk Southern Railway
 County: Prince Edward
 Str. No.: 6019
 Located: 1.52 Mi. To: Route 624
0.01 Mi. From: Route 360
 Inspected By: Jason W. Shupe Inspection Date: 04-29-2010
 (Schwartz & Associates, Inc.)

Critical Recommendation Form

for, Repair and/or Strengthening

WHEN A CRITICAL CONDITION IS DISCOVERED SEND FORM:

To: T. David Wyatt From: J. L. Milton Date: 05/04/2010
 NS Railway Engineer District Structure & Bridge Safety
 Inspection Engineer
 cc: District Maintenance Engineer
 District Environmental Manager
 State Structure and Bridge Engineer
 Environmental Division

AFTER THE CRITICAL CONDITION IS REPAIRED SEND FORM:

To: J. L. Milton From: T. David Wyatt Date: _____
 District Structure & Bridge Safety NS Railway Engineer
 Inspection Engineer
 cc: State Structure & Bridge Engineer

For NBIS structures, once work has been completed the State Structure & Bridge Engineer shall forward this form to the FHWA Division Administrator in Richmond, Virginia.

Federal Structure ID No:0000000000 13937

CRITICAL CONDITION REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Immediate performance of work on fracture critical member(s) is needed.
- Immediate correction of scour and/or hydraulic problem is needed.
- Condition rating of 3 or less for deck, superstructure, substructure and/or culvert.
- Immediate work to prevent substantial reduction in safe load capacity and/or for the safety of the traveling public.

Action Required (include date work must be completed): _____

* Post structure for 3 tons immediately. _____

* Replace floorbeams due to advanced section loss in webs behind stringers (area of stringer bearing clip angle attachment). _____

(Action Required Continues On Next Page)

ESTIMATED COST - \$ _____

BELOW TO BE FILLED OUT BY RAILWAY WHEN WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Action taken (include date work was completed): _____

Signature _____

NS Railway Engineer

Follow-up Inspection after work is complete by: _____

Bridge Safety Inspector

Date



Critical Recommendation Form

for, Repair and/or Strengthening

Route: 623 (Twin Bridges Road) NBIS (Y/N) Y
Over: Norfolk Southern Railway
County: Prince Edward
Str. No.: 6019
Located: 1.52 Mi. To: Route 624
0.01 Mi. From: Route 360
Inspected By: Jason W. Shupe Inspection Date: 04-29-2010
(Schwartz & Associates, Inc.)

Action Required (Continued):

- * Replace all stringer bearing clip angles due to advanced section loss and limited bearing area. The angles which are now in place are 4" x 4" x approximately 1'-0" length. Replacement angle size should be increased and full length of floorbeam with stiffeners to provide adequate bearing and bending resistance.
- * Replace the following timber stringers:
 - Stringer 6 in Panel 1 of Span 1
 - Stringer 6 in Panel 1 of Span 2
 - Stringer 1 in Panel 2 of Span 2
 - Stringer 3 in Panel 1 of Span 3
 - Stringer 4 in Panel 1 of Span 3
 - Stringer 7 in Panel 2 of Span 3
 - Stringer 5 in Panel 3 of Span 3
- * Perform Bridge Safety Inspection on a frequency not to exceed 3 months until above repairs are completed.

Sarah Puckett

From: Jonathan Pickett [jpickett@co.prince-edward.va.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 3:58 PM
To: spuckett@co.prince-edward.va.us
Subject: Fw: Twin Bridges Road Bridges (Route 623)

Sarah,
Here the e-mail response.
JP

----- Original Message -----

From: Milton, Jeffrey L.
To: Jonathan Pickett
Cc: Rafferty, Dennis C., P.E. ; Daniel, Les G., P.E. ; Wright, Kevin B. ; Barret, W. Ralph ; Garber, Michael A.
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 2:37 PM
Subject: RE: Twin Bridges Road Bridges (Route 623)

The bridge on Route 623 closest to Route 360 (VA Structure No. 6019) requires the critical repairs. The other bridge on Route 623 over Virginia Southern Railway (VA Structure No. 6020) does not require immediate repairs. Also, the bridge on Route 622 (VA Structure No. 6018) requires critical repairs.

We still have not received any response from Norfolk Southern to our correspondence.

Thanks,

Jeff

J. L. Milton
District Structure & Bridge Safety Inspection Engineer
Structure and Bridge Section
Lynchburg District VDOT
Phone : (434)856-8278
Fax : (434)947-2689
e-mail: Jeffrey.Milton@VDOT.Virginia.gov

From: Jonathan Pickett [mailto:jpickett@co.prince-edward.va.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 4:02 PM
To: Milton, Jeffrey L.
Subject: Twin Bridges Road Bridges (Route 623)

Jeff,

A question just occurred to us here. Do both bridges need repairs on Route 623 or just the one over the Norfolk Southern line which is the one closest to Route 360. The other bridge crosses over Virginia Southern tracks, but I believe that bridge is also owned by Norfolk Southern.

Thanks,

Jonathan



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July 1, 2010

Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator
P.O. Box 382
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Bartlett: *Wade,*

Please extend my deepest appreciation to your fellow members of the Board of Supervisors for the \$27,232.00 training allocation that has been made to STEPS for FY10-11. Please know that this allocation will directly benefit Prince Edward County residents and impact the services we provide. Every individual regardless of his/her barriers deserves the right to work and STEPS facilitates this happening.

I understand that the next step in the process is to formally request the allocation. Please consider this correspondence as the request from STEPS for disbursement of the approved contribution.

I would like to once again extend an invitation to you and your Board to visit our operations. Commonwealth Solutions^{va}, our newest line of business, provides secure document destruction/shredding operations in Farmville. A marketing brochure outlining our services is included and we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how we can provide you the most secure shredding service possible. Our regional recycling center is also located in Farmville and Victoria hosts our job training and manufacturing plant. There is no need for an appointment, our operations are consistent regardless of the day you choose. Seeing individuals with very severe disabilities working in a sewing production line, shredding confidential documents or processing recyclable materials is quite impressive.

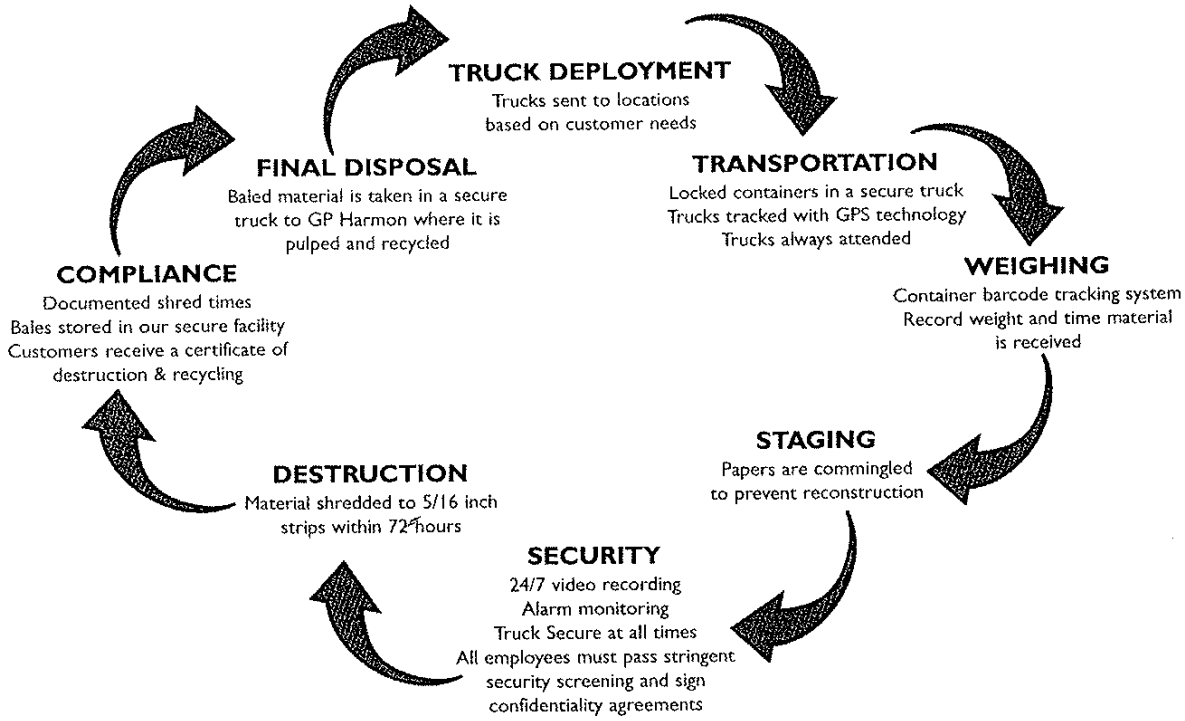
Thank you for your support.

Most Sincerely,


Sharon L. Harrup, MS
CEO

Cc: Mr. Ken Copeland, Vice Chair - STEPS Board of Directors
Mrs. Jennifer P. Townsend, Secretary – STEPS Board of Directors

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Sarah Puckett

From: Brenda Clark [bbcrec@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 8:27 AM
To: spuckett@co.prince-edward.va.us
Subject: Thanks to the Board

Ms. Puckett:

Thank you so much for all your time and assistance with my concern of "fowling running at-large". You have been a tremendous help since I have no idea how to handle this type of situation.

I was wondering if you would forward the e-mail below to the Board members. I don't want to bother them at home by phone. I realize they have other larger concerns to deal with. I did speak to Howard Simpson in person.

I just want the Board to know that I appreciate their time in listening to my concern at June's meeting regarding "fowl running at-large". I would appreciate your support on this matter and hope it will continue forth with changes in the present rule.

Thank you.

Brenda Clark

Sarah Puckett

From: Wade Bartlett [wbartlett@co.prince-edward.va.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 1:03 PM
To: 'Sarah Puckett'
Subject: FW: Compliment from Senator Ruff

Place as info in next BOS packet

From: Rucker Snead [mailto:rsnead@hsc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 11:15 AM
To: wbartlett@co.prince-edward.va.us; scarney@co.prince-edward.va.us; lhricko@farmvilleva.com; cmorris@farmvilleva.com
Subject: Compliment from Senator Ruff

Friends,

I wanted to pass on a compliment from Senator Ruff. I had a chance to chat with him for a few minutes at the Memorial Day Ceremony. He was very complimentary of the Economic Development Session that you conducted with Lt. Governor Bolling on 28 May. He said that he sat in on four of those sessions that Friday and by far the Farmville/Prince Edward session was the best. I mentioned to him the synergies that we were developing by the town and county working closely together. He said that was a good thing and that we need to continue thinking and working as a region.

Again, I just wanted to share this complement with you. I'm excited with the good things that are happening in our community. Please let me know what I can do to assist as we keep it up.

Rucker

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