



County of Prince Edward
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: July 13, 2010
Item No.: 9
Department: Planning & Community Development
Staff Contact: Jonathan L. Pickett
Issue: PUBLIC HEARING: Amendment to County Comprehensive Plan

Summary: As the Board is aware, Prince Edward County is seeking to have an Alternate Route 628 constructed to the south of the public school complex. This new roadway would benefit the county by reducing the amount of traffic going through the school complex, as well as serving the Granite Falls project and other economic development projects along the new corridor.

The county comprehensive plan does not presently mention Alternate 628 as a specific transportation priority. In order to enhance our ability to secure additional grant funding for the project this priority should be included in the comprehensive plan. This change requires the Board hold a public hearing.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 15, 2010 and received no comments on the amendment. Following the hearing the commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board.

Attachments:

- 1) Public Hearing Notice
- 2) Proposed Amendment to Comprehensive Plan

Recommendation: Approval.

Motion _____
Second _____

Campbell _____
Jones _____
Wilck _____

Fore _____
McKay _____
Wiley _____

Gantt _____
Simpson _____



Please publish the following Notice of Public Hearing in the **Friday, June 25, 2010 and Friday, July 2, 2010** editions of *The Farmville Herald*. Please provide a Certificate of Publication to the Prince Edward County Administrator's Office.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING – The Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Prince Edward County Courthouse, 111 South Street, Farmville, Virginia to gather citizen input on a proposed amendment to Chapter V (pages 45-46) of the *Prince Edward County Comprehensive Plan*. Specifically, language is proposed identifying Alternative Route 628 as a transportation priority. This proposed project would enable through-traffic on existing Route 628 (Zion Hill Road) to bypass the public schools complex. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for public review on the County's web site at www.co.prince-edward.va.us or in the Prince Edward County Administrator's Office, TEL: 434-392-8837. It is the County's intent to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special accommodations, please contact the Prince County Administrator's Office prior to July 9, 2010.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors
W.W. Bartlett, County Administrator

Prince Edward County
Comprehensive Plan
Chapter V
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Primary highways in the County, as well as proposed Alternate Route 628, are briefly discussed below.

U.S. 460 – This is a major east-west highway that provides access to the northern part of the county. It is a major commerce route. The road is a dual highway, with bypasses around the towns of Farmville and Pamplin. The entire route has speed limits of 60 mph (65 mph on Farmville bypass) and the road is a major asset in the County's efforts to promote economic development.

U.S. Route 15 – This highway is a major two-lane north-south route, which goes across the central part of the county. The county's major anticipated growth corridor extends along Route 15 from Farmville to the Hampden-Sydney area. One of the county's long-term goals is to have this route four-laned, especially the section from Route 628 near Farmville, to Route 133 at Kingsville. This goal/request is presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board annually.

U. S. Route 360 – This four-lane highway is located in the southeastern part of the county and serves as the main transportation route between Richmond and Danville. Commercial development along this route in Prince Edward County is limited.

Virginia Route 307 – This two-lane highway serves a short-cut between U.S. 360 in Amelia County and U.S. 460 at Rice. The road is hilly and receives a great deal of truck traffic.

Virginia Route 45 – Only a small section of this road is actually located in Prince Edward County, all within the Town of Farmville. The highway extends north from Farmville into Cumberland and Goochland counties.

Virginia Route 133 – This road is only 1.2 miles in length, and basically serves as a bypass around the Hampden-Sydney College campus.

Proposed Alternate Route 628 – This project would reduce the traffic flow through the school complex, by providing an alternate route to the south of existing route 628 (Zion Hill Road). As proposed, the new road would branch off of existing Route 628, near the Poplar Forest Apartments and go west intersecting Route 15 at the Dominion Drive traffic signal. This is a priority project for the county and state revenue sharing funds are being sought to assist in construction costs.

Major secondary roads in the county, in addition to Route 628, include: Routes 665, 696, 658 630, 626, and 604. Funding for secondary road improvements is allocated to Prince Edward County on the basis of a six-year funding plan prepared jointly by VDOT and the County. **In addition, the county on occasion seeks state revenue sharing funds for priority projects.**

Current FY 05-06 funding for County secondary improvements is approximately \$837, 000 with projected five year funding at 4.4 million dollars. Most projects in the six year plan are minor road enhancements The six-year plan contains no new highway segments, or new major road improvements.

