



**County of Prince Edward
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Summary**

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012
Item No.: 18-b
Department: County Administration
Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett
Issue: Committee Reports: Route 628

Summary: The Route 628 Committee met August 24, 2012 at the Prince Edward County School Board Office. The Committee comprises Supervisor Simpson – Chair, Supervisor Gantt, School Board Chairman Russell Dove, School Superintendent David Smith, Kevin Wright, Residency Administrator, VDOT-Dillwyn, and Gerry Harter, Lynchburg District Traffic Engineer. Assistant County Administrator Sarah Elam Puckett was present at the meeting representing Wade Bartlett, who had a meeting conflict with the Rt. 786 Progress Meeting. (He arrived later in the meeting.) Also present were: Richard Goode, Director of Support Services, and Lylton Crenshaw, Supervisor of Bus Transportation for the Prince Edward County Public Schools and Scot Shippee, Assistant Residency Administrator, VDOT-Dillwyn. Members of the public present were: Dan Andrews and Jack Houghton.

The Route 628 Committee was charged with making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the future traffic pattern for Route 628. The Board of Supervisors would then make a recommendation to VDOT, who would have the final authority to determine the traffic pattern of the road. Because members of the public were present, Committee Chair Simpson called for public participation. Mr. Dan Andrews stated that dual turn lanes off of Rt. 15 and an extra lane at the west end of Zion Hill Road could help alleviate the traffic congestion. Mr. Jack Houghton stated that the congestion problem was only twice per day (early morning and early afternoon), not all day and only on Zion Hill Road. He stated that the Committee should explore why the County is building Rt. 786.

The Committee discussed the multiple causes of the traffic congestion on Rt. 628 and Rt. 15 and the safety concerns with students crossing Rt. 628 numerous times during the day. The Committee also discussed the multiple possible fixes for the congestion and the possible traffic patterns involving Rt. 786. The Committee agreed that the best immediate answer was to wait and see how traffic responds after the opening of the new road later this fall. In the meantime, VDOT encouraged the County to consider an educational campaign when the new road opens that encourages parents to use Rt. 786 when dropping their children in the morning. Additionally, VDOT will quantitatively measure the change in the traffic with the opening of Rt. 786.

The Committee will meet again on January 25, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Attachments:

Recommendation: The Committee has no recommendation at this time.

Motion _____
Second _____

Campbell _____
Gantt _____
Simpson _____

Cooper-Jones _____
Jones _____
Wilck _____

Fore _____
McKay _____