

MOTION: BAILEY

**October 10, 2023
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 23-522**

SECOND: ANGRY

RE: AUTHORIZE THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADVANCE THE DESIGN OF A MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE 2A OF THE ROUTE 28 BYPASS LOCATION STUDY AS AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS – COLES AND GAINESVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, Route 28 is a critical roadway in Prince William County (County). Route 28 carries high volumes of intra-county and regional traffic. Improvements to this roadway as a bypass are included in the County's Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and the voters' approved 2019 Mobility Bond Referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study, completed in late 2017, identified and evaluated project alternatives for improving a segment of the Route 28 Bypass from Godwin Drive in Manassas to Centerville Road in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 2B was identified as the highest-ranked alignment in the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study. Alternative 2B would bypass the section of existing Route 28 (Centerville Road) in the County by extending Godwin Drive across Sudley Road as a four (4) lane divided roadway with a shared use path and connect with Route 28 at a signalized intersection north of Bull Run Stream in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) endorsed the selection of this alternative via Resolution Number (Res. No.) 20-603, which also included the approval to budget and appropriate \$89,000,000 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - 2023 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority funding for the Route 28 Bypass Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, during the design of Alternative 2B, it presented many challenges making it more costly and difficult to implement than originally anticipated. The challenges included difficulty in acquiring or conceivably condemning right-of-way outside of the County's jurisdiction required for the Project, significant environmental, utility, and historic impacts, as well as challenging and costly bridge and wall designs; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that a modified version of the second highest-ranked alignment in the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study, identified as Alternative 2A, be explored. Alternative 2A follows the same route as Alternative 2B from Godwin but turns east to join existing Route 28 south of the existing Bull Run Stream within the County; and

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WHEREAS, modified Alternative 2A will provide the County full control over the Project and its schedule, but creates additional right-of-way impacts. The proposed alternative eliminates the need for right-of-way acquisition in Fairfax County and has an overall lower cost than Alternative 2B due to less infrastructure and other project impacts. It differs from the 2A Alternative presented in the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study by tying into Route 28 at Patton Lane and by not including the widening of Route 28 to Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$76,744,128 is currently available in the Project budget. The amount is sufficient for the development of a modified Alternative 2A, which is estimated to be \$1,000,000 and will take 6-9 months to complete; and

WHEREAS, at the completion of plans for a public hearing, both Alternatives 2B and modified 2A, will be presented to the Board for selection and endorsement of the alternative that will move forward to final design; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County staff that the Board authorize the Prince William County Department of Transportation to advance the design of a modified Alternative 2A of the Route 28 Bypass location study as an additional alternative for consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Prince William County Department of Transportation to advance the design of Modified Alternative 2A of the Route 28 Bypass location study as an additional alternative.

Votes:

Ayes: Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Wheeler

Nays: Lawson, Vega, Weir

Absent from Vote: Franklin

Absent from Meeting: None

For Information:

Director of Transportation

County Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Andrea P. Madden

Clerk to the Board