

MOTION:

**June 7, 2011
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 11-**

SECOND:

**RE: APPROVE THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE PURCELL ROAD
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – COLES MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Purcell Road Improvement Project involves the improvement and widening of a section of Purcell Road from the intersection with Route 234 to west of Purcell Branch Crossing, near Vista Brooke Drive, to include the construction of a four-lane road and improving an existing sharp bend of a section of Purcell Road; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth funding for this project was accepted by the Board by approval of Res. No. 09-778, adopted on October 6, 2009. The source of funding is the Regional Surface Transportation Program from the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a Virginia Department of Transportation public hearing on the final design of the project was held on March 17, 2011 to satisfy public involvement requirements related to the acceptance of Commonwealth funding; and

WHEREAS, a comment period was held on the final design after the public hearing from March 17, 2011 to March 31, 2011. Several comments for the project were received and have been attached to this item; and

WHEREAS, approval of the final design of the project will allow for the design phase to be completed and the project to proceed to right-of-way acquisition and into construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby approve the final design of the Purcell Road Improvement Project in the Coles Magisterial District as set forth on the final design sketch, a reduced copy of which is attached hereto.

ATTACHMENTS: Final Design Sketch of Purcell Road Widening
Summary and Comments from Public Hearing

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

County Attorney

Transportation Director

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board

Purcell Road, Rte. 643; PH PLAN

VDOT Proj.: 0643-076-967, C-501, Prince William County, VA

Dumfries Road, Rte. 234

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Purcell Rd.

Glade Ct.

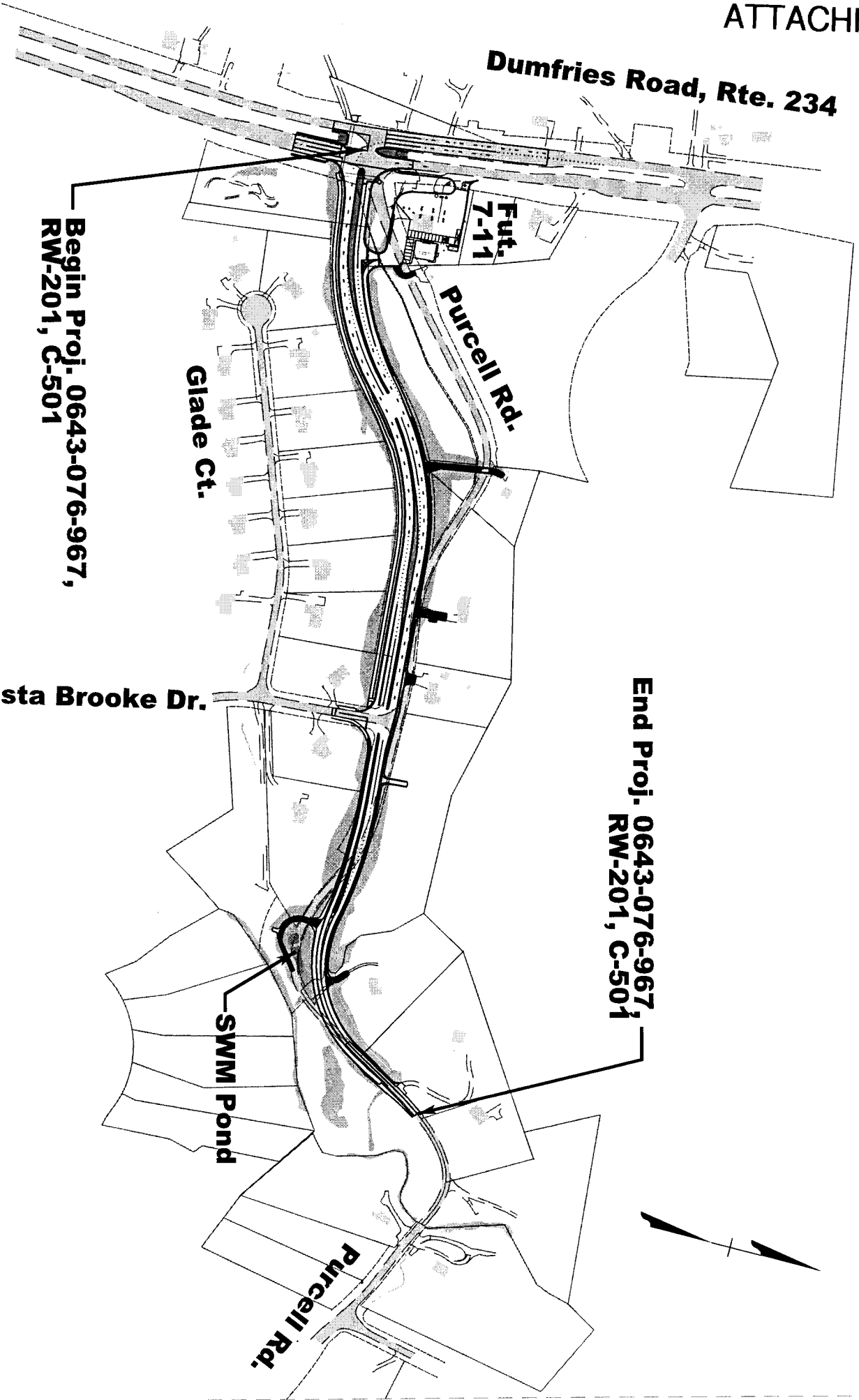
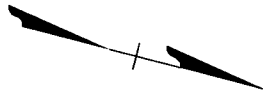
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Vista Brooke Dr.

SWM Pond

Purcell Rd.



**LOCATION & DESIGN
PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY
ROUTE 643 – PURCELL ROAD
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA**

Project Number: 0643-076-967, C-501
From: Rte. 234 (Dumfries Road)
To: 0.2 miles East of Rte. 3305 (Vista Brooke Drive)
Project Length: 0.6 miles

A Location & Design Public Hearing was held for the above referenced project at the Board of County Supervisors Chambers in Prince William, Virginia on March 17, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

A total of 14 citizens attended the hearing per the sign-in sheet. Written comments were received from 11 citizens and 0 oral comments were received within the comment period for a total of 11 comments.

Of the 11 comments received, 1 indicated support for the project as proposed, 9 indicated opposition for the project as currently designed, and 1 comment did not indicate support or opposition to the project. A summary of the comments follows.

Background Information

Purcell Road (Route 643) is classified by Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan as a Major Collector. The roadway is a critical component of the County's transportation network, serving both local traffic and commuter/cross County traffic. Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan calls for Purcell Road (Dumfries Road/Route 234 to Hoadly Road) to be constructed as a four-lane divided Major Collector with raised median and ten-foot (10') wide shared use path along the south side of the roadway. This project will realign and construct Purcell Road in accordance with Prince William County Comprehensive Plan requirements from Dumfries Road/Route 234 in the west to Vista Brooke Drive in the east. At the intersection of Dumfries Road/Route 234 with Purcell Road improved intersection geometrics will allow for dual turn lanes from southbound Route 234 to eastbound Purcell Road. From Vista Brooke Drive to a point approximately 0.2 miles east the project will also provide additional safety improvements including improved horizontal curve radii, improved roadside features (shoulders, clear zone, & drainage ditches), superelevation for horizontal curves, and roadway lighting. Traffic volumes in 2010 were 5,600 vehicles per day between Route 234 and Vista Brooke Drive, and 5,400 vehicles per day east of Vista Brooke Drive. Future growth estimates for 2032 are 8,600 vehicles per day between Route 234 and Vista Brooke Drive, and 8,300 vehicles per day east of Vista Brooke Drive.

This realignment and widening project is included in the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan, and the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program. This is a locally administered project using a combination of local, state, and federal funding.

Significant right of way and easements were previously dedicated by the developer of the Vista Brooke subdivision for the realignment and widening of Purcell Road. The project will use this previously dedicated right of way and easements to the extent possible to minimize the need for additional right of way.

Summary of Comments

Speed and Safety

Five comments cited concerns that the proposed improvements will encourage speeding and increase the number of accidents east of Vista Brooke Drive.

Response: Purcell Road (Route 643) is classified by Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan as a Major Collector. The roadway is a critical component of the County's transportation network, serving both local traffic and commuter/cross County traffic. Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan calls for Purcell Road (Dumfries Road/Route 234 to Hoadly Road) to be constructed as a four-lane divided Major Collector with raised median and ten-foot (10') wide shared use path along the south side of the roadway. This project will realign and construct Purcell Road in accordance with Prince William County Comprehensive Plan requirements from Dumfries Road/Route 234 in the west to Vista Brooke Drive in the east.

From Vista Brooke Drive to a point approximately 0.2 miles east the project will also provide additional safety improvements including improved horizontal curve radii, improved roadside features (shoulders, clear zone, & drainage ditches), superelevation for horizontal curves, and roadway lighting. The existing roadway along this segment of Purcell Road has highly substandard horizontal alignment, vertical geometrics (profile & grade), and typical section. Based on engineering judgment and through coordination with VDOT, we have developed a design approach to ensure safety within the project corridor by providing a transitional, or "stepped", reduction in design speed through the project limits. The roadway will be designed to meet 40mph design criteria from Route 234 to Vista Brooke Drive, and then meet 30mph design criteria from Vista Brooke Drive to the eastern project terminus. East of the project limits existing Purcell Road meets only 20 mph design criteria, as the project does not involve improvements to the existing 20 mph curve and crossing of Purcell Branch. This approach, along with the mitigation measures including roadway lighting and enhanced signage and marking, provide an adequate design in terms of operation and safety.

Justification for Widening to Four Lanes/No Focus on Fixing Curve by Purcell Branch

Three comments requested privacy fencing for the properties affected by the clearing of trees and vegetation in the limits of construction.

Response: Any existing fencing that will be impacted during construction will be replaced in-kind.

Access Safety at Vista Brooke Drive and the 7-11 Entrance

One comment expressed concerns regarding the ingress and egress safety at the Vista Brooke and 7-11 intersections with Purcell Road.

Response: At Vista Brooke Drive, improvements to the horizontal and vertical geometry will provide adequate sight distance for drivers entering and exiting Vista Brooke Drive from Purcell Road. This provides adequate sight lines for drivers to make decisions, thereby improving the safety at this intersection. At the 7-11 intersection, a dedicated right turn lane into the property, along with standard horizontal and vertical geometry will provide safe ingress and egress to and from the property.

Increased Security Risks

Two comments expressed concern of increased security risks associated with the realignment of Purcell Road, along with the addition of the shared use path along the back of several properties. This will give unwanted visitors easy access to these properties.

Response: The proposed shared use path has been designed along the south side of Purcell Road, within right of way and adjacent to the road, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan requirements. The path provides connectivity to existing pedestrian facilities along Route 234.

General:

Driveway - One comment received requested a driveway to the owner's currently undeveloped property.

Response: An additional driveway will be provided with final design.

Retaining Wall – One comment received requested a retaining wall to reduce the limits of construction along their property.

Response: During final design, Prince William County will evaluate the use of a retaining wall at this location to minimize impacts to the adjacent property.

Current Design Improvements on Purcell Road are Inefficient Use of Funds – Five comments expressed concerns about whether the current scope and design improvements

proposed for Purcell Road are an efficient use of funds. Suggestions were made to focus funding on other segments of Purcell Road or to other County departments (Public Schools, etc.) altogether.

Response: The Purcell Road Improvements Project has been identified as a needed transportation improvement project in the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, the safety improvements east of Vista Brooke Drive were previously identified as a needed improvement through VDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program.

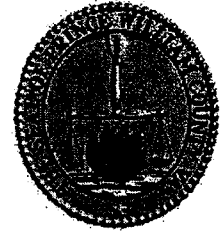
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0643-076-967, PE-101, RW-201, C-501

**Design Public Hearing Written Comments
(Letters and Comment Sheets)**



COMMENT SHEET



Location & Design Public Hearing
Purcell Road Improvements Project
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Thursday, March 17, 2011

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: Randolph C. Posey
ADDRESS: 883 N. Greenbrier St. Arlington, VA 22205
EMAIL ADDRESS: Phone # 703-525-0984

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes No .

Comments: _____

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed? Yes No .

Comments: I need a drive way to my property. The state ditched it

3. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.

Comments: _____

4. Do you support this project? Yes No .

Comments: _____

Please feel free to add additional pages if needed. Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or mail your comments to:

Ms. Sherry Djouharian, Project Manager
Prince William County Department of Transportation
5 County Complex Court
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NAME: Anthony Raisovich
ADDRESS: 7750 Glade Ct
EMAIL ADDRESS: traisovich@fairfaxwater.org, tnt5-14@juno.com

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes ___ No X.

Comments: I do not feel the current level of traffic justifies the need for a 4 lane divided road.

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed?

Yes X No ___
Comments: A revision that would include a retaining wall to reduce width of the proposed slope along Purcell Rd. from 234 to Vista Brooke, as well as the possibility of a sound wall.

3. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.

Comments: Email updates of project progress to the residents affected.

4. Do you support this project? Yes ___ No X.

Comments: Unless there are plans for major development east of Vista Brooke, a 4 lane divided road is not necessary. A simple plan that would address some of the problem curves would be more beneficial.

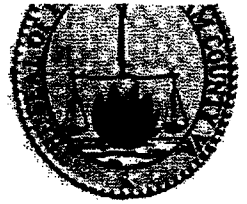
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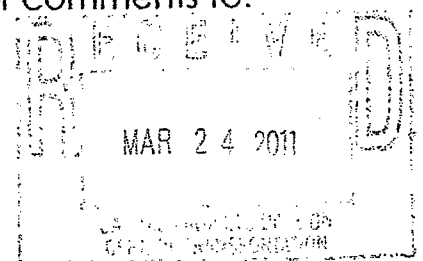
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NAME: Suzanne Meier
ADDRESS: 12231 VISTA BROOKE DR MANASSAS, VA
EMAIL ADDRESS: greenthumbs1964@comcast.net

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes ___ No X.
Comments: THE MOST DANGEROUS SECTION OF PURCELL ROAD IS FURTHER DOWN WHERE THE ROAD CURVES AND SLOPES - THE AREA PROPOSED AREA WILL CAUSE MOTORISTS TO SPEED UP EVEN MORE AS THEY APPROACH THE DANGEROUS CURVES.
2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed? Yes X No ___.
Comments: I HAVE LIVED IN VISTA BROOKE ESTATES FOR 10 1/2 YRS AND NEVER EXPERIENCE HIGH TRAFFIC VOLUME. WHY DOES THIS ROAD NEED TO BE WIDENED TO 4 LANES? IT WOULD MAKE BETTER SENSE TO INVEST IN STRAIGHTENING OUT THE MOST DANGEROUS AREA OF THE ROAD - NOT THE PROPOSED AREA.
3. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project. -PLANT TREES
Comments: I WOULD EXPECT THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, BUT I BELIEVE OBTAINING POLICE RECORDS OF ACCIDENTS ON PURCELL AND THEIR LOCATION WILL CLEARLY SHOW WHERE IMPROVEMENT \$ NEEDS TO BE SPENT. WIDENING + STRAIGHTENING OUT PURCELL WILL GIVE MOTORISTS A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO SPEED WHEN APPROACHING THE DANGEROUS ROAD.
4. Do you support this project? Yes ___ No X.
Comments: I BELIEVE THIS IS A COMPLETE MISUSE OF TAX PAYER \$. THIS MONEY SHOULD EITHER BE USED TO IMPROVE ANOTHER AREA OF PURCELL THAT POSSES A BIGGER DANGER TO MOTORISTS, OR INVEST IN THE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

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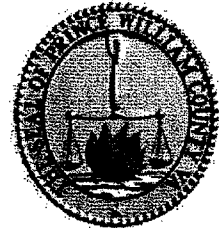
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NAME: Stacy Hopkins
ADDRESS: 7779 Glade Court, Manassas, 20112
EMAIL ADDRESS: Chasersmom @ Comcast.net

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes ___ No X.

Comments: Altering a SMALL portion of the road is inefficient and will lead to speed / accidents as people accelerate to be in the lead before road tapers to two lanes in FRONT of MY Neighborhood.

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed? Yes X No ___

Comments: Buffering / Wall for houses backing to new road! Concern for neighborhood + home value not included in plan. ^{disturbing & disruptive} SOUND + LIGHTS!! -> Need to be addressed!

Build Fence / Wall Replant mature trees!

3. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.

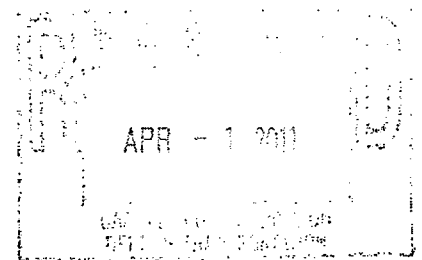
Comments: Use money Elsewhere or create whole road not just 3000 feet!

4. Do you support this project? Yes ___ No X.

Comments: Unneeded and Unwanted in PWC Purcell is NOT a major thoroughfare

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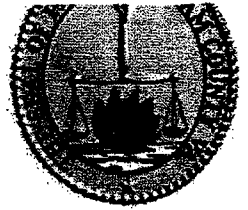
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NAME: Ram & Chip Haselton
ADDRESS: 12215 Vista Brooke Dr Manassas VA 20102
EMAIL ADDRESS: pamisok@hotmail.com

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes No

Comments: Purcell road already has many accidents. There is no reason to have four lanes of traffic flow into what will be an "impaired" corner that is still dangerous

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed? Yes No

Comments: Safety getting in and out of Vista Brooke, as well as the 7'11 center. Also, noise levels which will drastically change the lifestyle in Vista Brooke neighborhood. The roads near Purcell that have gone on to 4 lanes have had to have noise retention walls put up... so what will happen on Purcell?

3. Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.

Comments: 1) I would love to see some type of factual documentation that supports the need for 4 lanes of traffic, approx .06 miles long needed on Purcell road. 2) How do you justify spending ten dollars in this manner, during a recession? Please let me know where I can find such reports.

4. Do you support this project? Yes No

Comments: I would greatly appreciate you reconsidering this project and finding an alternative plan to address the curve after Vista Brooke Drive in a safe and effective manner

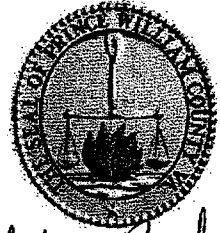
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Purcell Rd

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NAME: Bregg + Mary Meyer
ADDRESS: 7775 Glade Ct, Manassas VA 20112
EMAIL ADDRESS: terry-521@msn.com

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes ___ No ___.
Comments: see attached

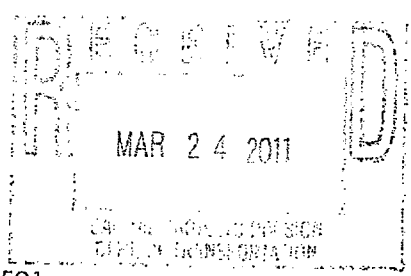
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1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes ____
No X.

I understand that years ago a deal was struck and land was promised for this road expansion, but I firmly believe a four lane divided highway is not a good choice for Purcell Road and is not a good use of funds that could be put to better use elsewhere. I am a new homeowner in Vista Brooke but from what I understand the original owners were told the road would be straightened – not widened to a four lane divided highway. Who decided that a 3,000 foot four lane divided highway is a good use of funds? Rebanking the road and creating larger shoulders would have been adequate without this huge, expensive expansion project. Kahn's Road is a perfect example of what would have worked for Purcell instead of the divided highway that will go just 3000 feet then stop and merge into the existing two-lane road. Money is being wasted by building this type of road in this particular area.

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been address? Yes X No ____.

Hundreds of trees are being taken out for this road and not one single tree is being planted to replace anything removed. Trees/shrubs that do not lose their leaves in the winter need to be added in consideration of the homeowners who are losing so much buffer and privacy with this monstrous road and walk path so close to the existing properties. We were told there is no room allotted for any trees. If that is true, and adjustments cannot be made, the areas that are being cleared of trees to create slopes must have trees/shrubs planted on them. We were told it is very difficult to grow plants on slopes, but I am confident that the smart engineers working on this project can find a way to cover the slopes with evergreens. Truly, if there is no room in the current plan to add a row or two of trees between the new road/path and the homeowners properties, then the road needs to be moved two or three feet to allow room for the trees. If that is "too much work" then the median can simply be reduced from 16 foot to 13 foot wide and you'd gain three foot to plant trees where the road is so close to the homeowners. The road is killing our privacy so DO A LITTLE TO HELP US. Add a new evergreen tree line for the homeowner's property safety, safety of the children who wish to play in their backyards, and visual appeal for both the road commuter and the homeowner.

Patrons coming out of the 7-11 will have their headlights shining directly into several homeowner's backyards and back windows. Some type of evergreen plantings in the median outside of the 7-11 would be helpful to at least diffuse some of the headlight glare.

Considerations were not given to the homeowners on this project. No tree buffer was included...why? No privacy fence was even considered...why? What attributes of this road were designed in consideration for the homeowners? A fence near the Glade cul-de-sac would/will make the homeowners extremely happy but we keep being told it is impossible to have one...why is it impossible??? I see privacy fences EVERYWHERE along roadways

and the Glade cul-de-sac will be at the corner of two four lane divided highways. This corner is an area screaming for a privacy fence.

The road did not need to dip so close to the homes in the cul-de-sac of Glade, it could have easily "dipped" the other direction. VDOT was not a good neighbor nor were they considerate in this project. It is very disheartening. This road will negatively affect the value of the homes on Glade Ct. and those at the entrance to Vista Brooke.

3. **Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the completion of this project.**

I've looked for signs along the area intended for expansion for months and months and have never seen a sign posted about a public meeting. Isn't that a requirement? If your home didn't back up to the proposed site you would have never received a letter about this project. I thought that was the purpose of the signs. Has a law been broken by not posting the public hearing? I've asked every neighbor I have and no one has ever seen notice of a public hearing posted. Peculiar.

4. **Do you support this project? Yes No .**

Absolutely not.

First, the design of this project does **NOT** meet the needs of Purcell Road. I understand that years ago a deal was struck and land was promised for this road expansion, but I firmly believe a four lane divided highway is not a good choice for Purcell Road and is not a good use of funds that could be put to better use elsewhere. I am a new homeowner in Vista Brooke but from what I understand the original owners were told the road would be **straightened -not widened to a four lane divided highway**. Who decided that a 3,000 foot four lane divided highway is a good use of funds? Rebanking the road and creating larger shoulders would have been adequate without this huge, expensive expansion project. Kahn's Road is a perfect example of what would have worked for Purcell instead of the divided highway that will go just 3,000 feet then stop and merge into the existing two-lane road. There is a huge amount of money being **wasted** by building this type of road in this particular area.

Second, I have many concerns that I feel have not been addressed. Hundreds of trees are being taken out for this road and **not one single tree is being planted to replace anything removed**. Trees/shrubs that do not lose their leaves in the winter need to be added in consideration of the homeowners who are losing so much buffer and privacy with this monstrous road and walk path so close to the existing properties. We were told there is no room allotted for any trees. If that is true, and adjustments cannot be made, the areas that are being cleared of trees to create slopes must have trees/shrubs planted on them. We were told it is very difficult to grow plants on slopes, but I am confident that the smart engineers working on this project can find a way to cover the slopes with evergreens. Truly, if there is no room in the current plan to add a row or two of trees between the new road/path and the homeowners properties, then the road needs to be moved two or three feet to allow room for the trees. If that is "too much work" then the median can simply be reduced from 16 foot to 13 foot wide and you'd gain three feet to plant trees where the road is so close to the homeowners. The road is killing our privacy so **DO A LITTLE TO HELP US!!** Add a new evergreen tree line for the homeowner's property safety, safety of the children who wish to play in their backyards, and visual appeal for both the road commuter and the homeowner.

The safety of children is of up-most importance to me! (hopefully, you too) With the current plans, there is little being done to keep our children safe. You are probably thinking that the safety of *our* children is not *your* problem. (that *may* be true) However, *you* are taking away **all** of the trees that provide a buffer between our houses and Purcell Road. *You* are also putting a walk path on a road directly behind my house. (What purpose does this walk path serve? Where are people supposed to be going on this path? The only good thing about the path is that it pushes the road 10 feet further away) Currently, there will be a "hill" stopping someone from walking onto my property. (by the way, thank you for the "hill") There is no plan for a privacy fence, a sound wall, or even trees. Are you kidding me? We need an additional barrier between the houses on Glade Court and the walk path. Oh, and your daughter, son, niece, nephew, and/or grandchild is invited to play anytime in my unprotected back yard with strangers on the other side of a 9 foot hill with 2 four lane divided highways at their disposal! Sounds safe enough, doesn't it? If for no other reason, **PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!**

I **DO NOT** understand why it is impossible to have a sound wall installed. **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!!!!** The cul-de-sac of Glade Court will now be at an intersection of **TWO** four lane divided highways. Most of the sound walls I have seen driving around the county protect residents from **one** four lane divided highway. There are several examples just driving along the Prince William County Parkway! Based on this information, we will have **TWICE** the noise of these other residential areas but we don't "need" a sound wall. How does this make sense? **IT DOESN'T!!!!**

We would love a sound wall down the entire stretch of Purcell Road. But, I'm not even convinced that that is a wise use of money. However, it would be **AWESOME** to have a sound wall at the corner of Rt. 234 and Purcell Road. This would significantly help with the noise of **BIG TRUCKS** stopping and starting at the light. (and just general traffic on Rt. 234) If the sound wall could wrap around the corner far enough it would also block the headlights of the vehicles turning onto Purcell Road. I was told at the hearing that Prince William County would do what it could to help its' residents. **Well Prince William County - here is your chance!!**

Drew Chartrand

From: Djouharian, Shohreh [sdjouharian@pwcgov.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 4:03 PM

To: Mark Gunn

Subject: FW: Purcell Road Project

FYI.

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Prince William County, Virginia

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From: Pete [mailto:allposeys@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 3:58 PM

To: Djouharian, Shohreh

Subject: Purcell Road Project

Hi Sherry

I was at the public hearing on Purcell Rd. last Thursday night and got to look at the new Plat.

There's one thing on the Plat that I didn't think about that night until later and that was lines crossing the road at my property (12213).

Are these the proposed sewer lines and if so can they be moved to a different location on my property, especially the one for my house, I would want it to line up as close as possible with the line coming out of my house?

Thanks, Pete Posey



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Name: Fred & Vicky Sadrak
Address: 7771 Glade Ct, Manassas, VA 20112
Email Address: fsadrak@comcast.net

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road?
NO

Comment: Straightening out Purcell Road is necessary from the creek to Hwy 234. However, a two lane road with turn lanes at Vista Brooke Drive and at the 7-11 Store would be adequate. The quantity of available building lots, accessible from Purcell Road, is relatively few in number. Therefore, the increased volume of cars, brought about by new home construction, would have minimal impact on traffic. If Purcell Road is widened to four lanes, not only for the current scheme, but from Hwy 234 to Hoadly Road, VDOT will only invite more people to travel on Purcell between these two roads, thus making Purcell Road far busier than what it is now. It is not unreasonable to assume auto safety would be an issue.

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been address? **YES**

Comment: When construction is completed, vehicles will be much closer to the homes backing up to Purcell Road. Privacy, increased traffic noise, and security all come into question. Moving the road to close proximity of residences' property lines may very well invite unwanted foot traffic and unwanted visitors.

VDOT must consider landscaping the area for the reasons previously mentioned. If there is not sufficient room to build a berm, fence, plant trees and scrubs, then perhaps VDOT should reduce the number of lanes in order to have enough land to provide for proper security. Failure to address privacy, security, and noise will negatively impact property values.

State and County officials no doubt have good intentions by improving Purcell Road, but projects often times have 2nd and even 3rd order effects, which offset good intentions. It is not until a project is completed do negative effects appear.

3. Do you support project?

We support the idea of straightening out Purcell Road from the creek to Hwy 234, but not expanding the road with four lanes and omitting proper landscaping.

Name: Raul & Maria Campos

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Email Address:

1. In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Purcell Road? Yes___ No X
No, I believe that if we add this project it will have a big affect in the road for instant in accidents and traffic. Due to this is because if we goo from a 4 way road lane to a two lane rd. It will cause big morning and night distractions to the people around the road. This is what we feel isn't the right reason to do this to the Purcell Road.
2. Are there any concerns you feel have not been addressed? Yes X No___
In our opinion I think to improve Purcell Rd. is to make the whole road 4 lanes. 2 forward to going the other way. And as we as well should be helping conserve trees for each amount that is taken down. For an example, around the street on the side roads! As well instead of extending the road by adding lanes why don't you guys put money toward repairing the street on the cracks it has? Or repair on the curves on making them safer for drivers. All we really need is to repair them and put more caution signs that's all to prevent accidents in the future.
3. None
4. Do you Support this project? Yes_ No X
We do not support this project. Yet, if this plan comes to affect we ask to put some concrete walls around the back of the houses so we can get some community privacy. And avoid noises of cars at night. And as well if you can do the plantation of trees.

From: Dan and Chris Gates [mailto:dgatesii@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 4:25 PM
To: 'Shammout, Khattab O.'
Cc: 'Nohe, Marty E.'; 'Blaser, Tom J.'; 'Djouharian, Shohreh'
Subject: RE: Purcell PH Materials

The County should seriously consider extending the project to encompass the current “S” curves along the banks of Purcell Branch. Without further reducing the sharp curves at the bottom of the hill, the increased driving speeds down the hill, encourage by the widening, will result in more accidents and more fatal accidents.

I understand the speed increase will be illegal, as I doubt the speed limit will increase; however, time and again I, and I believe all of you, have seen how a large number of our neighbors disregard the posted speeds, especially in areas where the road narrows from two to one lane. The downhill slope of this part of the road will only increase this tendency.

While I understand the cost increase this would drive in the project, I think the County should do what it can to reduce the risk of fatal accidents, especially since most will be young drivers, whenever it can. I also believe that if the County doesn't do something to reduce this risk, it will be forced to correct the problem after the public out-cry that will follow any fatal accidents, as we have seen in the recent past. Making the changes after the fact will most certainly cost more and result in re-working recently completed roadway.

Thank you.

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May 13, 2011

TO: Board of County Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Blaser 
Director of Department of Transportation

THRU: Melissa S. Peacor
County Executive

RE: Approve the Final Design of the Purcell Road Improvement Project –
Coles Magisterial District

I. Background in chronological order is:

- A. Purcell Road Improvement Project – This project involves the improvement and widening of a section of Purcell Road from the intersection with Route 234 to west of the Purcell Branch crossing near Vista Brooke Drive to include the construction of a four-lane road, and improving an existing sharp bend of Purcell Road.
- B. Project Funding – State funding for this project was accepted by the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) through the approval of Resolution No. 09-778 on October 6, 2009. The source of the funding is Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) from the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- C. Public Involvement Process - Public involvement is required on the design of any project utilizing Commonwealth funds before the final design can be approved. A Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) public hearing on the final design of the project was held on March 17, 2011, to satisfy this requirement.

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- D. Comments Received – A comment period was held on the final design after the public hearing. The comment period was from March 17, 2011, to March 31, 2011. Several comments for the project were received, and have been attached to this Board item.

II. Current Situation is as follows:

- A. Need for Final Design Approval – In order for the Purcell Road Improvement Project to proceed to the right-of-way and construction phases of the project, the final design of the project must be approved by the BOCS.
- B. Board Action Requested – The Board is requested to approve the final design of the Purcell Road Improvement Project in the Coles Magisterial District.

III. Issues in order of importance are:

- A. Service Level/Policy Issues – How does this action support the County's Transportation Strategic Goal?
- B. Timing – What are the timing implications of this action?
- C. Legal - Are there legal issues associated with this action? Have the legal requirements for advertisement of a public hearing been met?
- D. Fiscal Impact – What are the fiscal implications of this action?

IV. Alternatives in order of feasibility are:

- A. Approve the final design of the Purcell Road Improvement Project in the Coles Magisterial District.
 - 1. Service Level/Policy Issues – Approval of the final design of the project will allow for the design phase to be completed and the project to proceed to right-of-way acquisition. This supports the County's Transportation Strategic Goal.
 - 2. Timing – Approving the final design will allow for the project to continue on to the next phase of right-of-way acquisition in a timely manner consistent with the project schedule.
 - 3. Legal – A public hearing for the project's final design was held on March 17, 2011. The legal requirements for advertisement of a public hearing were met.

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4. Fiscal Impact – This project is supported by \$2,489,151 of RSTP funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia, \$2,000,000 in federal funding, and \$735,499 of local proffer funding.

B. Take No Action.

1. Service Level/Policy Issues – If no action is taken, the County's Transportation Strategic Goal may not be supported as relates to the Purcell Road Improvement Project.
2. Timing – If no action is taken, the timeline for the project will be delayed until such time as the final design is approved.
3. Legal – Does not apply.
4. Fiscal Impact – RSTP funding and federal funding in the amount of \$4,489,151 on the project will be removed from the project.

V. Recommendation is that the Board of County Supervisors concur with Alternative A and approve the attached Resolution.

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