



October 15, 2019 - Board Meeting Highlights

A Message from Kathy Smith

Below you will find information from the Board of Supervisors' meeting that took place on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The full [meeting agenda and board package](#) are available online. You can also watch a [video](#) of the meeting online on the county's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy'.

Presentations



The Board introduced and welcomed students and staff from Chantilly, France, who partner with Chantilly High School. Requested by Supervisor Kathy Smith.



The Board designated **October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Fairfax County. Requested by Supervisor Cook.

Action Items

ACTION - 1

Approval of and Authorization to Amend a Project Administration Agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Improvements on Lee Highway (Route 29) from Union Mill Road to Buckleys Gate Drive (Springfield and Sully Districts)

Supervisor Herrity made a motion to:

- Approve an additional \$18,901,164 in funding for the project, and
- Adopt a resolution, substantially in the form of Attachment 1, authorizing the Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to execute an amendment to the Project Administration Agreement (PAA) with VDOT, substantially in the form of Attachment 2, to continue implementation of the project.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kathy Smith. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Background:

This project will widen Lee Highway (Route 29) from Union Mill Road to Buckley's Gate Drive for a total of approximately 1.49 miles. The segment currently has four lanes. The project will widen the roadway to six lanes. In addition, the project will provide geometric improvements, curb and gutter, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, turn lanes, and storm water management facilities. The current total project estimate (TPE) for Phase II is approximately \$85.9 million, an increase of approximately \$18.9 million over the amount previously approved by the Board for the project on October 24, 2017. Increased costs are primarily due to changing market condition relating to economic factors (e.g., materials, labor costs), the need for a 15 percent contingency to account for potential additional market fluctuations, uncertainty in utility relocation costs, and the costs of potential sound walls.

ACTION - 2

Endorsement of Design Plans for Route 29 (Lee Highway Phase II Widening Project from Union Mill Road to Buckleys Gate Drive (Springfield and Sully Districts))

Supervisor Herrity made a motion to endorse the design plans for the Route 29 Phase II Widening project administered by VDOT as generally presented at the June 10, 2019, Design Public Hearing and authorize the Director of Fairfax County's Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to transmit the Board's endorsement to VDOT (Attachment I). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kathy Smith. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Background:

In 2005, VDOT conducted a feasibility study for providing a continuous six-lane section for Route 29 from Centreville to the City of Fairfax. After the study, segments of Route 29 were widened in phases starting in 2014. First, Fairfax County widened Route 29 from Legato Road to Shirley Gate Road. Afterward, VDOT widened the segment of Route 29 from Pickwick Road to Union Mill Road. These prior projects provide a continuous six-lane section between Centreville and the City of Fairfax except for the limits of this project. The current project with limits between Union Mill Road and Buckleys Gate Drive will fulfill the objective of providing a continuous six-lane section with bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Route 29 between Centreville and the City of Fairfax.

The Route 29 Phase II widening project between Union Mill Road and Buckleys Gate Drive consists of a total length of approximately 1.49 miles. Route 29 in this section is a four-lane median-divided facility functionally classified as a principal arterial with an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 33,000 and a projected ADT of 44,000 in the design year of 2043. The project will widen the roadway to a six-lane divided section and provide shared use paths on both sides of the roadway. Other improvements in this project include the following: intersection improvements; replacing the bridge over Willow Spring Branch built in 1938 with a box culvert; implementing access management strategies for safety and operations; adjusting the geometrics of the roadway including the vertical alignment to improve sight distance and meet standards; enhancements to the stormwater management facilities; and landscaping where feasible.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on SE 2019-SU-002 (Fairfax County Water Authority) to Permit a Heavy Public Utility Office and Maintenance Facilities, Located on Approximately 10.79 Acres of Land Zoned I-5, AN, and WS (Sully District)

Supervisor Kathy Smith made a motion to:

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- Approve SE 2019-SU-002, subject to the development conditions dated September 4, 2019,
- Approve a modification of Par. 3 of Sect. 13-305 of the Zoning Ordinance for the transitional screening yard requirements to use existing vegetation and the proposed retaining wall along the western property line, as depicted on the Special Exception Plat, and
- Approve a modification of Par. 3B of Sect. 13-203 of the Zoning Ordinance for the peripheral parking lot landscaping along the southern property boundary in favor of shrubs depicted on the Special Exception Plat.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Linda Smyth. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Background:

This property is located at 14925 Willard Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. The application is to permit local office space and maintenance facilities for a heavy public utility facility. County staff recommends approval of SE 2019-SU-002, subject to the proposed development conditions in Appendix 1 of the [staff report](#). On September 18, 2019, the Planning Commission voted 12-0 to recommend the following actions to the Board of Supervisors:

- Approval of SE 2019-SU-002, subject to the [development conditions dated September 4, 2019](#);
- Modification of Par. 3 of Sect. 13-305 of the Zoning Ordinance for the transitional screening yard requirements to use existing vegetation and the proposed retaining wall along the western property line, as depicted in the special exception plat; and
- Modifications of Par. 3B of Sect. 13-203 of the Zoning Ordinance for the peripheral parking lot landscaping along the southern property boundary in favor of shrubs depicted in the special exception plat.

The Planning Commission Verbatim can be viewed online at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4689485.PDF>.
