



Town of Dumfries
Council Meeting

Meeting Date:

July 24, 2012

Agenda Item#

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AGENDA ITEM FORM

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:

- CONSENT AGENDA
- PRESENTATION
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PURPOSE OF ITEM:

- INFORMATION ONLY
- DISCUSSION ONLY
- DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION
 - Introduction
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PRESENTER: Dan Taber

PRESENTER TITLE: Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution Opposing the Virginia Department of Transportation's Proposal to Install Toll Facilities on Interstate 95

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY:

Council directed staff at its July 10 meeting to have staff draft a resolution opposing the tolls proposed on Interstate 95

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

REQUESTED ACTION:

NO ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt the Resolution

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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FOR USE DURING MEETING

VOTE:

PASSED

NOT PASSED

Y	N		Y	N		Y	N	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forrester
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington						

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17755 MAIN STREET, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA: ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY _____, AND SECONDED BY _____, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Charles C. Brewer, ;
Gerald M. Foreman, II, ;
Kristin W. Forrester, ;
Louis A. Praino, ;
Helen D. Reynolds, ;
Willie J. Toney, ;
Gwen P. Washington, ;

**Resolution in Opposition to the Installation of Toll Collection
Facilities On Interstate 95**

Whereas, Interstate 95 (I-95) is a critical transportation corridor that connects major metropolitan areas within the state, serves as a link in main north/south transportation corridor of the East Coast, supports numerous supply chain logistic centers that are critical to Virginia's economy and provides a vital route for the daily transportation needs of tens of thousands of Virginia commuters and businesses; and

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has developed the I-95 Corridor Improvement Program identifying major repairs and improvements that are needed over the next 25 years with projected costs that exceed current funding levels by a total of \$9.6 billion, or, on average, \$384 million per year; and

Whereas, VDOT's I-95 Vision Plan states that "[t]olling is one option to address the long-term needs of the long-term funding needs of the I-95 corridor; and

Whereas, one of the scenarios being investigated by VDOT includes a toll collection facility located south of Petersburg on I-95 and another facility located somewhere north of the I-295/I-95 interchange north of Richmond; and

Whereas, the proposed toll collection facilities appear to be an inefficient means of collecting additional revenues and no revenue will be collected during the estimated two-year construction period, yet motorists using I-95 will suffer from construction delays; and

Whereas, toll collection facilities on I-95 invariably will cause an increase in traffic congestion and an increase in accidents; and

Whereas, there is concern that the toll concept will eventually expand further north on I-95; and

Whereas, any expansion of toll collection facilities further North on I-95 than originally proposed will result in increased traffic volumes on local roads as both residents and through motorists seek to avoid the toll collection facilities; and

Whereas, the Town of Dumfries already experiences heavy volumes of traffic on the Route 1 corridor going through the Town and any diversion of traffic from I-95 will have a significant negative impact on the Town, its residents, and its businesses.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Council of the Town of Dumfries that the Town Council expresses its opposition to installation of toll collection facilities on I-95.

Now Therefore Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be sent to the Governor, the Commissioner of Transportation, the members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and the members of the General Assembly representing the citizens of the Town of Dumfries.

By Order of Council:

Gerald M. Foreman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dawn Hobgood, Town Clerk