

**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: August 18, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Keith Dayton, Director of Public Works *KCD*
ISSUE: A Resolution to Approve Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Bonus Obligation Program Projects

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: (2)

- [1] Background Report [2] Reso/Ord/Proc # R09-322
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REVIEW: [X] County Administrator's Office *[Signature]*

- [X] **Consent Agenda** [] **Other Business** [] **Public Hearing**
- [] **Discussion Item** [] **Presentation** [] **Unfinished Business**
- [] **New Business**

PRESENTATION BY: N/A

ELECTION DISTRICT: N/A

BACKGROUND REPORT

Each federal fiscal year (FFY), authorized federal transportation funds are obligated, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), to the states. Each summer, toward the end of the FFY, states must report to the FHWA the authority they will be able to obligate in that FFY. In addition, states must indicate projects/funds which can be obligated by the end of the FFY, if excess funds were to be identified by the FHWA. Then, all of the unobligated federal authority goes back into a nationwide account. This "bonus" obligation authority is then redistributed, through the FHWA, to states than can obligate that authority by the end of the FFY, September 30th. In Virginia, the Secretary of Transportation makes the determination as to which projects receive the Commonwealth's share of the federal bonus obligation authority. The Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Policy Committee agrees on eligible projects to be submitted to the Secretary for consideration. The bonus obligation funds are not guaranteed. They are best allocated to "federalized" projects - those that have or will receive federal funds.

This will be the third year FAMPO competes for federal bonus obligation funds. In FFY2007, the Warrenton Road (US-17) project received these funds. It is the only project in the region to receive these funds thus far. In FFY2008, none of the regionally FAMPO-recommended projects received funding.

At the time staff brought the bonus obligation projects to the Board in March, specific eligibility criteria for the federal bonus obligation program was unknown. In late July, staff learned of specific criteria. Based on this new information, we learned none of the projects listed in Resolution R09-127 was eligible for FFY2009 bonus obligation funds.

However, in subsequent consultation with VDOT staff, two additional projects were identified as meeting the eligibility criteria for FFY2009 bonus obligation funds:

- 1) The widening of Garrisonville Road (SR-610) in the vicinity of Joshua Road (SR-643). VDOT UPC 51919. This project is scheduled to be advertised for construction by VDOT in November 2009. If federal bonus obligation monies were to be applied to this project to fund construction, it would make available previous state monies applied to it. A request of \$5,678,171 will fully fund the construction phase.

- 2) The new Interstate 95 interchange at Courthouse Road (SR-630). VDOT UPC 13558. While Preliminary Engineering (PE) activities are underway, the PE phase, estimated to cost \$10.7 million, is not fully funded. A request of \$6,101,139 will fully fund this critical phase, ensuring these activities can continue.

Proposed Resolution R09-322 expresses the Board's desire to submit these two projects to FAMPO for consideration in the allocation of FFY2009 federal bonus obligation funds. Staff recommends approval.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 18th day of August, 2009:

MEMBERS:

George H. Schwartz, Chairman
Harry E. Crisp II, Vice Chairman
M. S. "Joe" Brito
Mark Dudenhefer
Paul V. Milde III
Cord A. Sterling
Robert "Bob" Woodson

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009
FEDERAL BONUS OBLIGATION PROGRAM PROJECTS

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to take advantage of all available funding for transportation improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to receive federal bonus obligation funds on a federal fiscal year (FFY) basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 18th day of August, 2009, that it be and it hereby does indicate its desire to allocate FFY2009 federal bonus obligation program funds in the following manner: the Garrisonville Road (SR-610) widening project in the vicinity of Joshua Road (SR-643), VDOT UPC 51919, Five Million Six Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-one Dollars (\$5,678,171) and the new Interstate 95 interchange at Courthouse Road (SR-630), VDOT UPC 13558, Six Million One Hundred One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$6,101,139); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Administrator.