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November 22, 2016

TO: Poquoson City Council
THROUGH: Randy Wheeler, City Manager
FROM: Ellen Roberts, City Engineer
RE: Wythe Creek Road Widening Design Resolution

Attached please find a Design Approval Resolution for the Wythe Creek Road Widening Project. This standard VDOT resolution is required for the project to proceed from design to right-of-way acquisition and construction. There have been several VDOT public hearings for this project and it has been the subject of several Council work sessions. The most recent public hearing was held in August 2015.

As you are aware, the project has evolved over time. It recently transitioned from a divided, four-lane road to its current configuration of 3 lanes. The current road design features a reversible center lane that will convey heavy commuter traffic volumes as needed. During non-peak hours, the center lane will serve as a left hand turn lane. The new road segment will also feature a sidewalk and a multi-use or bike path.

The change in configuration was the subject of an August 2015 public hearing. The latest design is intended to minimize impacts on residents by reducing as much as possible the amount of right-of-way needed. It also minimizes environmental impacts and is the most cost effective of the options considered. This configuration was discussed at City Council work session in 2015.

VDOT is currently finalizing the project design and undertaking the environmental review process. The agency will proceed with any needed right-of-way acquisition within a few months of the adoption of both this resolution and a similar resolution in Hampton. The project is currently expected to go out for bid in 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN OF THE WYTHE CREEK ROAD
WIDENING PROJECT AND REQUESTING THE PURCHASE OF THE RIGHTS-OF-
WAY NEEDED FOR THE PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, A Design Public Hearing was held on August 13, 2015, in the City of Poquoson, Virginia by representatives of the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation after due and proper notice for the purpose of considering the proposed design of the Wythe Creek Road Widening Project in the City of Poquoson, Virginia, UPC# 13427, at which hearing aerial photographs, drawings and other pertinent information were made available for public inspection in accordance with state and federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, all persons and parties in attendance were afforded full opportunity to participate in said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Poquoson, Virginia were present and participated in said hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Council had previously requested the Virginia Department of Transportation to program this project; and

WHEREAS, the Council considered all such matters:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Poquoson, Virginia does hereby approve the major design features of the proposed project as presented at the Public Hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Poquoson, Virginia does hereby request the Virginia Department of Transportation to acquire all rights-of-way necessary for this project conveying said rights-of-way to the City at the appropriate time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Poquoson, Virginia, all necessary utility agreements required in conjunction with acquiring such rights-of-way.

ADOPTED: _____

TESTE: _____

City Clerk