1st Regular Meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Held on December 7, 2005

Route 13 Median Closures

The Chair opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment concerning the proposed Route 13 Median Closures.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Elaine Meil of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission presented an overview of the proposed Route 13 Median Closure plan. Ms. Meil stated that a letter had been sent to the Accomack County Fire Commission requesting input on the proposal, but no comments were returned.

Mr. Mallette made a motion to have County Administrator Steven Miner draft a Resolution pertaining to the dangers of Route 13 and the recommendations outlined in the Highway 13 Corridor Plan as an expression of the Board's concerns about the safety of Route 13 and the need to make improvements. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

The Chair asked Mr. Mallette to consider amending the motion to include requesting the Virginia State Police to make Route 13 a Highway Safety Corridor, which would enhance fines for moving violations and makes money available for safety improvements. Mr. Mallette accepted the amendment; Mr. Duncan seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Matthew absent.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to request the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to close 11 median crossovers as presented. Ms. Major seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Matthews absent.