

TOWN OF CHRISTIANBURG

Established November 10, 1792

Incorporated January 7, 1833



RESOLUTION

March 3, 2009

The Honorable Dave Nutter

The Honorable James Shuler

The Honorable John Edwards

The Honorable Ralph Smith

The Honorable Pierce R. Homer, Secretary of Transportation

WHEREAS, Peppers Ferry Road (Virginia State Route 114) is one of the leading and most traveled primary two-lane roads in the Town of Christiansburg and Montgomery County and,

WHEREAS, this road has been identified as one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in the area having been the site of numerous fatal accidents and,

WHEREAS, plans have been underway for twenty(20) years to widen and upgrade this stretch of road from the town limits of Christiansburg to the intersection of Route 460 and Route 114 and

WHEREAS, there has been accelerated commercial and residential growth along this road as evidenced by New River Mall, Belmont Farms, The Villas at Pepper's Ferry, New River Village in addition to strip malls and numerous small businesses adding to the overburdened traffic on Pepper's Ferry Road and,

WHEREAS, the condition of the road has inhibited further commercial and residential development along the road, and

WHEREAS, heavy traffic in this area causes delays for residents living in the area as well as motorists and commercial deliveries, and

WHEREAS, Peppers Ferry Road continues to be a grave and sever safety concern for school personnel and parents of children who ride school buses, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has completed the purchase of rights of way and has completed an environmental impact study needed to widen the road making it virtually "shovel ready" to begin upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the initial phase of the construction is under way and the second and final phase is designed, yet unfunded, and

WHEREAS, design plans for an overhead bridge crossing of the Huckleberry Trail over Route 114 has been approved by the Town of Christiansburg and should be included in the final phase of this project which will provide critical multi-modal access for thousands of citizens to access this regional interconnection and will further encourage the use of alternative transportation modes in our town and region, and

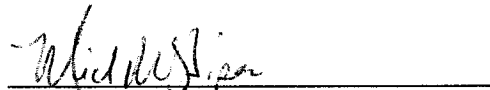
WHEREAS, the Federal funds are being made available to States for road and bridge upgrades under the recently enacted Stimulus Package,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Christiansburg Town Council of the Town of Christiansburg respectfully request that priority consideration be given by the Virginia State Legislature and the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide funds to widen this road to four lanes as proposed in the last twenty plus years.



Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council