

Town of Windsor

Memorandum

June 12, 2018

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michael Stallings, Town Manager *MS*

SUBJECT: Route 460

At the May Council meeting, Council reviewed a letter to VDOT regarding Route 460. I have incorporated comments received at that meeting.

Attached you will find the revised letter to Mr. Christopher Hall, the new District Engineer for the Hampton Roads District.

This is for Councils discussion and direction.

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Mr. Christopher G. Hall, P.E.
District Engineer
Hampton Roads District
1700 North Main St.
Suffolk, Virginia 23434

Dear Mr. Hall,

The Town of Windsor continues to have concerns regarding safety along the Route 460 corridor in and around the Town of Windsor.

As you are aware, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently undertaking a safety study of the Route 460 corridor from the Route 58 interchange to the Eastern boundary of the Town of Windsor. While this work is needed, we request that the section of Route 460 in the Town of Windsor not be overlooked.

The Town Council requests that VDOT conduct a thorough evaluation of the Route 460 corridor within the Town of Windsor to identify improvements that can be made to help reduce congestion and improve safety for all those who use Route 460 for travel on a daily basis. As you know, there is no center turn lane on the majority of the Route 460 corridor in Windsor. This creates a significant safety and congestion issue when motorists are required to stop in the travel lanes to wait for the opportunity to safely make left hand turns across oncoming traffic. The ever increasing volume of traffic along the route compounds the safety issues that exist. Without improvements, conditions will only get worse as the volume of traffic continues to increase.

It is vital that we plan for future increases in traffic volume along the Route 460 corridor. Failure to plan for future improvements will lead to greater safety concerns than what exist now. The Town of Windsor is open to any and all alternatives that may be available to help improve the corridor. One such alternative was proposed in January 2016 by the Southern Environmental Law Center (Concept Plan prepared by Walter Kulash).

The Town of Windsor appreciates your attention to this matter and stands ready to assist VDOT in any way possible to ensure the safety of the citizens of Windsor as well as the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Carita J. Richardson
Mayor