Agenda Item No. 80

Town of Windsor

Memorandum

May 8, 2018

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Michael Stallings, Town Manager MS

SUBJECT:

Route 460

Attached you will find a draft letter to Mr. Jim Utterback, district administrator for the Hampton Roads district of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

This letter calls attention to the fact that the section of Route 460 through Windsor has been left out of the current safety study that is looking at 460 from the 58 interchange to the Eastern boundary of the Town of Windsor. It also asks VDOT to do a thorough evaluation of the corridor to identify improvements that can be made to increase safety and reduce congestion.

This letter is on the agenda for Council's discussion and input.

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Mr. Jim Utterback District Administrator Hampton Roads District 1700 North Main St. Suffolk, Virginia 23434

Dear Mr. Utterback,

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 request 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 truck 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.

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