

MOTION:

January 21, 2014

SECOND:

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 14-

**RE: AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC HEARING TO REQUEST THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO CONSIDER
RESTRICTING THROUGH-TRUCK TRAFFIC ON SANDERS LANE –
ROUTE 705 – GAINESVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Sanders Lane is not designed or intended to serve heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, Sanders Lane is not recommended for trucks due to the roadway design; and

WHEREAS, heavy truck traffic causes safety problems on Sanders Lane; and

WHEREAS, an alternative route exists via Sudley Road – Route 234 to Gum Spring Road – Route 659 to Braddock Road – Route 620 to Lightridge Farm Road – Route 705 to Sanders Lane – Route 705; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Department of Transportation solicited the support of the Loudoun County Board of County Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Board of County Supervisors responded and do not express interests in restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, the alternate route is depicted on the attached map; and

WHEREAS, Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia mandates that a public hearing must be held by the local governing body to receive public comments on restricting through-truck traffic on any part of a secondary highway; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Police Department will be responsible for enforcing the restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville District Supervisor received this request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby authorize a public hearing to request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to consider restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane – Route 705, in the Gainesville Magisterial District;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Resident Engineer.

ATTACHMENT: Sanders Lane Through-Truck Restrictions

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

County Attorney

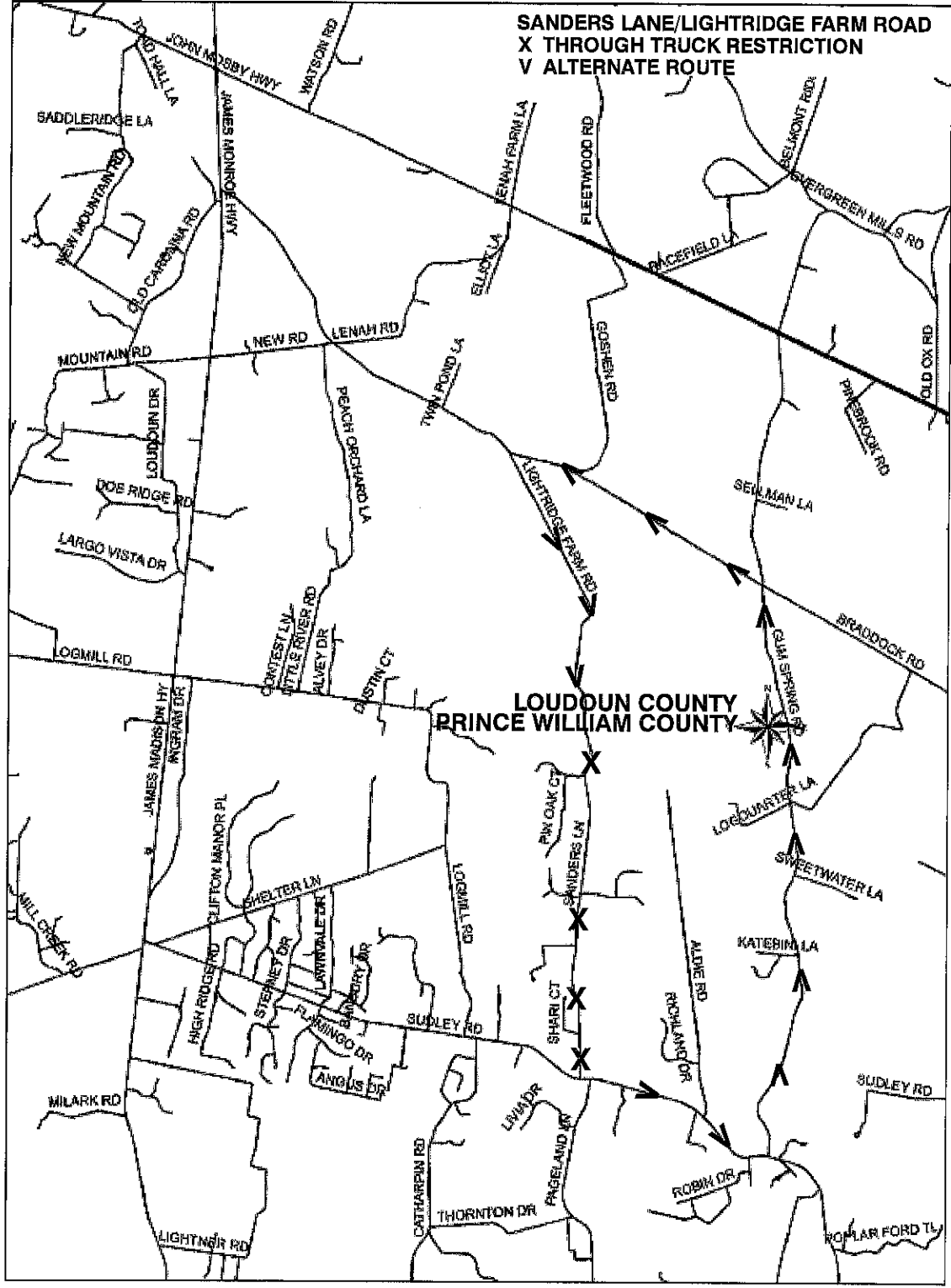
Transportation Director

Maria Sinner, VDOT

VDOT District Traffic Engineer, VDOT NOVA District Office

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board

**SANDERS LANE/LIGHTRIDGE FARM ROAD
X THROUGH TRUCK RESTRICTION
V ALTERNATE ROUTE**





Melissa S. Peacor
County Executive

COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

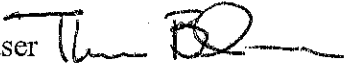
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December 30, 2013

TO: Board of County Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Blaser 
Director of Transportation

THRU: Melissa Peacor
County Executive

RE: Authorize a Public Hearing to Request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to Consider Restricting Through-Truck Traffic on Sanders Lane - Route 705 in the **Gainesville Magisterial District**

I. Background on the subject in chronological order is:

- A. Through-Truck Restriction Procedures - The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) adopted procedures for considering requests for restricting through-trucks on secondary highways. Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia mandates actions to be taken by the County.
1. Public Hearing - The Board of County Supervisors may request the CTB to restrict through-truck traffic, but only after the Board of County Supervisors holds a public hearing.
 2. Public Hearing Transcript - A transcript of the public hearing must be provided with the request.
 3. Adopted Resolution - An adopted resolution must be provided with the request. The resolution must include the proposed through-truck restriction and a description of the alternate route. The resolution must also demonstrate that the Police Department will be responsible for enforcement of the restriction.

- B. Truck Restriction Request - Several citizens have contacted the Gainesville District Supervisor's office to request restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane - Route 705.
- C. Through-Truck Study - Transportation staff conducted through-truck studies at multiple locations on Sanders Lane. The studies revealed that there were excessive numbers of truck traffic on Sanders Lane.
- D. Loudoun County Solicitation - The Prince William County Department of Transportation solicited the support of the Loudoun County Board of County Supervisors. They responded that they have not received any concerns from their citizens and as a result do not express interests in restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane in Loudoun County.
- E. Alternate Route - Transportation staff identified an alternate route that will accommodate through-truck traffic. It consists of using Sudley Road - Route 234 to Gum Spring Road - Route 659 to Braddock Road - Route 620 to Lightridge Farm Road - Route 705 to Sanders Lane - Route 705. A map of the proposed restriction and alternate route is attached to the resolution.
- F. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Protocol - Through-truck restrictions protocol is for VDOT to review the recommended route prior to the public hearing. VDOT has reviewed the alternate route and is in agreement with the termini.

II. Current Situation is as follows:

- A. Public Hearing Required - A public hearing to request the CTB to consider restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane - Route 705 must be conducted before submitting the request.
- B. Alternate Route - The alternate route of Sudley Road - Route 234 to Gum Spring Road - Route 659 to Braddock Road - Route 620 to Lightridge Farm Road - Route 705 to Sanders Lane - Route 705 can accommodate through-truck traffic.
- C. Board Action Requested - The Board of County Supervisors is requested to authorize a public hearing to request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to consider restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane - Route 705 in the Gainesville Magisterial District.

III. Issues in order of importance are:

- A. Legal - Did the Board hold a public hearing prior to submitting its request to the CTB?
- B. Timing - When will the public hearing be scheduled?
- C. Policy Issues - What is the County's policy regarding through-truck restrictions?
- D. Fiscal Impact - What is the cost to the County?
- E. Service Level - Will the service level of Sanders Lane be impacted by authorizing a public hearing?

IV. Alternatives in order of feasibility are:

- A. Request - Authorize a public hearing to request the CTB to consider restricting through-truck traffic on Sanders Lane - Route 705 in the Gainesville Magisterial District.
 - 1. Legal - A public hearing will be held in accordance with Virginia Code Section 46.2-809.
 - 2. Timing - The public hearing can be scheduled for the first available Board of County Supervisors' meeting once authorized.
 - 3. Policy Issues - County policy regarding through-truck restrictions is to authorize and hold a public hearing to receive community input.
 - 4. Fiscal Impact - No costs will be incurred by the County for authorizing the public hearing.
 - 5. Service Level - Does not apply.
- B. Take No Action.
 - 1. Legal - Does not apply.
 - 2. Timing - Does not apply.

3. Policy Issues - This alternative does not violate County or CTB policies.
4. Fiscal Impact - There will be no impact on the County's budget.
5. Service Level - Does not apply.

V. **Recommendation** is that the Board of County Supervisors concur with Alternative A and approve the attached resolution.

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