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Supervisors set to vote on extension of Liberia Avenue

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Time is running out for the Prince William Board of County Supervisors to decide the fate of the Liberia Avenue Extension Project.

The board, which deferred action on the issue a month ago in the face of strong public opposition, is scheduled to vote Tuesday on whether to move ahead with the project.

The Virginia Department of Transportation project calls for extension of Liberia Avenue to Brentsville Road where it will allow the proposed Va. 234 Bypass to be linked with the Prince William Parkway.

The road threatens to destroy the area's environment and historical sites, said Pam Sackett of the Brentsville-Limstrong Preservation Coalition.

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The coalition's argument is that planners have misrepresented the project to the public by saying that it won't impact wetlands or historic property.

The proposed five-point interchange, which stands to destroy

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large sections of farmland, 13 homes, wetlands and some 18th-century historical sites, has been presented as a separate project, she said.

At its Aug. 6 meeting, the board approved the recommendation of Supervisor Ben Thompson, R-Brentsville, that the county's staff examine the proposal made by resident groups such as the Comprehensive Plan Review Task Force and the Prince William County Commission on Transportation.

The proposal calls for Brentsville Road to be taken out of the project and for Liberia Avenue to connect with Va. 234 north of Godwin Drive.

Supervisor Mary Hill, R-Coles, said she has a lot of thinking to do before deciding how to vote on the issue.

"It is a tough issue," Hill said.
"I've met with the people of Brentsville several times, and I understand how they feel."

Sackett said she is hoping that the board will defer the action again so other alternatives can be studied.

"I would be happy with another delay," she said. "I don't think they know what to do, and that is what frightens me as a citizen."

Hurricane upsets tournament parking

LAKE MANASSAS — Parking off U.S. 29 and near the Robert plans for the President's Cup golf Trent Jones Golf Club by the tournament have been changed in the wake of Tropical Storm

All President's Cup spectators are asked to park at the Nissan Pavilion on Wellington Road from today through Thursday. Roundtrip shuttle service will be provided.

Tournament officials plan to open the original parking areas weekend competition.

President's Cup organizers are working with the Virginia Department of Transportation and local police to minimize traffic delays. Twenty information signs have been placed along roadways leading to the golf course to alert spectators and direct them to the Nissan Pavilion.