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Liberia extension could be costly

By MYRON STRUCK
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Redesigning the Liberia Avenue extension to create a link at Va. Route 234 that aligns with Brentsville Road could delay the project by up to four years and cost the county \$15 million, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

J.G. Browder Jr., VDOT's chief engineer, has told Manassas City Councilman Ulysses "Xerk" White that adding \$13.5 million for new right-of-way costs and up to \$2 million in engineering costs, mainly associated with environmental impact statements, could significantly increase the existing costs of the highway.

The Liberia Avenue extension, which would link the Prince William Parkway with Dumfries Road (Va. Route 234) and create a high-speed through route from Interstate 95 west to Interstate 66 remains beset by resident concerns.

At public meetings, concerns were raised about the fact that the extension project did not directly link with Brentsville Road.

The two roadways are separated at Dumfries Road by the length of a football field — some 100 yards.

The engineering work on the highway avoided the direct link because of the need to skirt a historic property, known as the Bradley tract.

There has also been concern about whether there should be a cloverleaf interchange connecting the roadway with the extended Va. Route 234 bypass about a half-mile north of the planned new link at Dumfries road. This cloverleaf has been dubbed the **Limstrong interchange**.

At a May 6 public hearing, 33 residents signed a petition opposing the current alignment. Five residents supported it.

Robert W. Wilson, director of public works for the county, will propose a staff recommendation to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on Tuesday that would approve moving forward with the Liberia Avenue extension.

The resolution would support, "in general," Wilson said, the VDOT design plan for the construction of the project.

"This issue is separate and distinct from the location and design of the Limstrong interchange" that residents have discussed, Wilson said.

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Prince William Edition this week, featured on cable Channel 13 (Jones Communications West) and cable Channel 28 (Jones Communications East) will feature information on the rail relocation study and a photo contest for the county's 1997 public meetings calendar.

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Reimagining the future of the
extension to create a link at 7th
Route 134 that aligns with
the future of the road could delay the
project up to 10 years and cost
the county \$15 million, according to
the Virginia Department of Transportation.

J.C. Browder, Jr., VDOT's chief
engineer, has told Manassas City
Councilman Ulysses "Yuck" Wilson
that about \$1.5 million for new
right-of-way costs and up to \$1 million
for engineering costs could delay
the project. Browder said that the
impact of the delay could be significant
in terms of the timing of the
project.

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between the road to show a link
with property owners in the future.