

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE BRIDGEWATER BYPASS**

Whereas, the proposed Bridgewater bypass has been studied for over 14 years, and

Whereas, over those 14 years, traffic on Bridgewater's Main Street has increased greatly, with Main Street now carrying more cars per lane than any street in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County, and

Whereas, support for the Bridgewater bypass has been nearly universal, with endorsements coming from citizen groups, local governments, and ordinary, frustrated drivers, and

Whereas, the Bridgewater bypass has been on the Virginia Department of Transportation's six-year plan for several years, but

Whereas, on May 16, 2002, the Commonwealth Transportation Board removed the bypass from VDOT's six-year plan, and

Whereas, on May 22, 2002, our colleagues on the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, recognizing the importance of the Bridgewater bypass to Rockingham County, urged the Commonwealth Transportation Board to reinstate the bypass onto the six-year plan, and

Whereas, this Council is likewise convinced that the Bridgewater bypass must be constructed to relieve traffic congestion in Bridgewater and to improve the flow of traffic in Rockingham County generally,

Now, therefore, the Council of the Town of Bridgewater, requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board place the Bridgewater bypass back onto VDOT's six-year plan and to reinstate the funds previously budgeted for engineering. More generally—and more significantly—the council urges VDOT to advance this project quickly, without undue delay.

Be it further resolved that this Council calls upon the General Assembly of Virginia to take note of the needs of this area, the merit of the bypass, and the exceptional citizen support for the project. This Council requests that the General Assembly provide adequate funding for the project and that the Town's legislators, The Honorable Emmett Hanger and The

Honorable Christopher B. Saxman, bring their considerable leadership abilities to bear in the advancement of this project.

The Town Superintendent shall supply a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, The Honorable Emmett Hanger and The Honorable Christopher B. Saxman.

**Resolved** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.