

Sully District Council of Citizens Associations



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15 August 2022

Joint Sully District Land Use and Transportation Committee Resolution on the Reinstatement of Bull Run Post Office Road Truck Ban

WHEREAS the Joint Sully District Land Use and Transportation Committee, comprised of members of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations (“SDCCA”) and West Fairfax County Citizens Association (“WFCCA”) (the “Joint Committee”) recognizes the paramount importance of the protection of the Occoquan Watershed and upholding Fairfax County’s environmental policies, as expressed in the adopted Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS Joint Committee has long supported protection of residential neighborhoods from development impacts, including traffic, stormwater, noise and other detrimental effects, as well as protecting natural communities, including threatened species, and preserving contiguous wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS the SDCCA and the WFCCA include many member communities and individual residents within the residential conservation (R-C) zoning district, in the western corner of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS Bull Run Post Office Road is a dangerous and narrow two-lane road, without shoulders, with poor vertical and horizontal sight distances, unsuitable for through truck traffic, with great

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difficulty for two trucks to pass each other in opposite directions;
and

WHEREAS the through truck traffic on Bull Run Post Office Road creates conflicts with neighborhood traffic, is inconsistent with the protected residential and rural character of the area, and degrades water quality in the Occoquan, with pollutants discharged from trucks onto the road surface and into the nearby streams, potentially affecting rare plants and aquatic life such as the federally endangered dwarf wedgemussel; and

WHEREAS a through truck ban on the segment of Bull Run Post Office Road between Lee Highway and the Loudoun County line was previously recommended for approval by the Board of Supervisors in September 2000, and implemented by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for several years, but in approximately 2015, VDOT removed the signs, and required that the process be restarted, and that the truck ban be readopted; and

WHEREAS with the paving of the Loudoun County portion of Bull Run Post Office Road in 2015 providing a paved road all the way to Braddock Road, and the continued development of eastern Loudoun County, truck traffic in the area has continued to increase, impacting the Fairfax County residential communities and the protected environment; and

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on 15 September 2020 voted to approve reinstatement of the truck ban, but despite the nine month deadline in VA. CODE ANN. § 46.2-809 <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title46.2/chapter8/section46.2-809/> for the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to act, no vote was taken on Fairfax County's request, and the truck ban has not been reinstated; and

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WHEREAS the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has scheduled another public hearing for 13 September 2022 for reinstatement of the truck ban, with a different alternate route;

WHEREAS the Joint Committee recognizes that reinstatement of the truck ban will protect the nearby residential communities and wildlife in the protected R-C zoning district from negative impacts of through truck traffic;

WHEREAS the Joint Committee supported the truck ban in 2020, and still strongly supports the reinstatement of the truck ban;

Now, therefore, in view of the foregoing, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Joint Committee **requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to endorse the reinstatement of the through truck ban on Bull Run Post Office Road, between Lee Highway and the Loudoun County line;**
2. The Joint Committee **requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors specifically direct County staff to follow through with Loudoun County,** and request the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to proceed forthwith to approve reinstatement of the truck ban on their segment of Bull Run Post Office Road, from the Fairfax County line north to Braddock Road, to avoid another winter without the truck ban.
3. The Joint Committee **requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors specifically direct County staff to follow through with VDOT and the CTB on the request, and ensure that this time around, the Commonwealth**

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**Transportation Board acts within the nine-month
statutory deadline.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated forthwith to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and to Delegate Dan Helmer and Senator Dave Marsden.

The Joint Committee approved this resolution at its 15 August 2022 meeting:

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