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Subject: Strasburg Town Council Resolution Opposing Corridor H Extension to Virginia
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Ms. Runyon,

On behalf of the Town of Strasburg, Virginia, I am submitting the **attached resolution** formally opposing the proposed extension of Corridor H from Wardensville to the Virginia state line.

As outlined in the resolution, our community stands to face significant environmental, historical, and infrastructure impacts if this project proceeds. Strasburg lies directly in the path of any future extension, making our town the geographic and logistical center of potential long-term consequences, including increased traffic volumes, strain on public services, and irreversible harm to local farmland and historic landscapes such as Fisher's Hill and the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.

We are particularly concerned that this project does not align with any current local or long-range transportation plans in Virginia and that cross-border impacts have not been adequately evaluated. Given the time that has passed since the original environmental assessments and the changes to local and regional infrastructure, **we respectfully urge the West Virginia Division of Highways to pause advancement of this project and undertake a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**. Such a review should include updated traffic data, meaningful consideration of less impactful alternatives, and a comprehensive evaluation of environmental and economic impacts to communities in both West Virginia and Virginia.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. **Please confirm receipt of this resolution and ensure it is included in the official public comment record for the Wardensville to Virginia State Line project.**

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF CORRIDOR H TO THE VIRGINIA STATE LINE

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) has released a Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the proposed 6.8-mile extension of Corridor H from Wardensville, West Virginia to the Virginia state line and is accepting public comments through June 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Strasburg and surrounding Shenandoah Valley communities would be significantly affected by the future extension of Corridor H into Virginia, despite no inclusion of such a project in Virginia's local or long-range transportation plans, nor any commitment by the Commonwealth to construct a corresponding connection to I-81 or I-66; and

WHEREAS, as the Town of Strasburg lies directly in the path of any potential Corridor H extension into Virginia, it would become the geographic and logistical center of future development impacts—including increased traffic volumes, changes to land use patterns, and added strain on local infrastructure and public services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed four-lane divided highway would cut through pristine landscapes, agricultural lands, historic battlefields including Fisher's Hill, and sensitive areas such as the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, threatening private property, cultural resources, public health, and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the current U.S. Route 55 already supports east-west traffic and recent improvements, including a new four-lane highway section near Wardensville, render the necessity and scale of this proposed project outdated and excessive; and

WHEREAS, this project does not address any clearly defined or local transportation need in either state and raises serious concerns regarding long-term environmental, historical, and economic impacts for both Virginia and West Virginia communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Strasburg urges that any future design or development proposals be grounded in updated data, contemporary needs, and responsible environmental stewardship, including the completion of a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to fully assess current conditions, viable alternatives, and the cross-border implications of such construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Strasburg Town Council hereby re-affirms and updates its 2023 resolution opposing corridor development in this section, and formally opposes the expansion of Corridor H from Wardensville, WV to the Virginia state line. The Council strongly urges West Virginia officials and federal agencies to halt advancement of this project until a comprehensive review is conducted, including a new Environmental Impact Statement and genuine regional consultation — particularly with impacted Virginia communities.

ADOPTED this 28th day of , May 2025.



Brandy Hawkins Boies, Mayor