



Bi-County Partnership

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Bi-County Parkway Is Not Dead

The premier business and civic organizations representing thousands of employers and workers in Loudoun and Prince William counties, and the Dulles Corridor, known as the Bi-County Partnership, today reaffirm their support of the Bi-County Parkway.

The Bi-County Parkway (BCP) will extend the Route 234 Bypass in Prince William County north to Route 50 in Loudoun County, with the primary purpose to:

- Provide fast interregional, multi-modal travel between households and jobs in northern Prince William and eastern Loudoun, and support job creation as well as shorter commutes in these regions.
- Divert the growing volumes of interregional traffic around communities and adjacent businesses by keeping it off neighborhood roads.
- Provide greatly improved access for travelers and businesses to Dulles Airport from northern Prince William County and many parts of Virginia served by I-95, Route 29, I-66 and related Corridors of Statewide Significance.

The result will be an innovative highway able to support not just cars but road-based transit and many future needs. Such a road can be designed and aligned to be a win for people's mobility and a win for preservation and the environment.

When transportation needs are not met, there are no winners. Today's gridlock and sprawling development are a direct result of the failure to build planned transportation improvements that would have reduced congestion and better focused development. "The Bi-County Parkway has been a long-standing priority for the Loudoun business community. This road is about improving the quality of life in our communities by untangling our region's transportation mess; getting traffic off our neighborhood roads, making it easier for people to get to work, school, church, or the grocery store and about creating new jobs. Loudoun and Prince William Counties will see significant population growth in the next 10 to 20 years and we need to prepare for this growth now or we will suffer the consequences later. Our elected leaders and other interested stakeholders need to work together to get this road built," said Tony Howard, President, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce.

"Northern Virginia's economy is tied to its ability to generate income. This in turn relies on the ability of our businesses and citizens to move themselves, their products and their services is dependent upon satisfactory transportation infrastructure, something that already bedevils our area. With a projected traffic increase that staggers the imagination, it is incumbent upon our leaders to proactively plan to avoid such dire consequences. We envision the Bi-County Parkway to be one of the most critical additions to our transportation network, alleviating the projected growth in Prince William and Loudoun Counties," said Eileen Curtis, President, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Bi-County Parkway is not dead. Virginia has a process, House Bill 2, that Governor Terry McAuliffe signed last year, that when the Bi-County Parkway is evaluated will rise to the top of priorities within the Commonwealth. It is irresponsible to proclaim this badly needed project is dead. Only on April 1st, April Fools Day, would you expect to hear that a project so vital for the continued growth and prosperity of our region would be at risk. It is time for our regional leaders and planners to be the voice of reason and concentrate on how to make life better for our citizens and work to make this vital inter-regional connection a reality.

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