

June 6, 1968

Present: F. Elliott Burch
J. Wilmer Bowles
George R. Aud

Meeting convened at 10:15 a.m.

Route 235

Mr. Harry Dorsey, SRC, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. J. Mills, Tri-County Council, Mr. A. Tate, District Engineer, SRC, Mr. L. Etzler, Tri-County Planner, Mr. D. Bond, Mr. T. T. Pantaleo, Delegate Henry Fowler, Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Mr. J. Daugherty, Mr. F. Dean and Mr. R. Dean, Mr. Guyther, Mr. J. M. Gough. Delegate John H. Briscoe came into the meeting later. Mr. Dorsey stated that this meeting is a continuation of the meeting that was held in Baltimore recently, and said he would use same map that was used at that meeting.

Route 235 is under construction from Laurel Grove and this part of the contract will soon end. The big problem now is the section down to Sandgates Road. If the railroad is available they will swing over to the railroad right of way, using it down to Peak's pond, and then swing back onto the proposed road. If the railroad is not used the road will go through Somerseet Village, through Peak's pond, and continue on to the existing project. The big problem is the railroad and how to handle this situation.

Mr. Burch asked if something could be worked out in the Hollywood area, some possible way to get through without using the railroad. Mr. Dorsey said this would damage everything on the Somerseet Village side. If the road is constructed with a narrow median strip, the damage would be less, but they do not want to reduce the width of the median strip to much as this would be a traffic hazard. However, these things can be done with additional damages to the existing property.

There was some general discussion, and Mr. Burch mentioned that Mr. Wolff had said that something could be worked out mutually on the railroad. In the areas where the railroad is used the SRC will acquire additional right of way so that the railroad could be moved over. The railroad could come behind some of the houses and it would not be necessary to take them. Mr. Dorsey said this would not create a great problem as the railroad can be located anywhere the terrain is flat. The big problem is going thru Hollywood. They have 80' of right of way and need 200' to support this type road. If they parallel the road they will wipe out the entire side of the road going through Hollywood. Mr. Dorsey said that actually, no matter what is done, it will damage someone. Mr. Wolff has suggested staying off the railroad entirely, and in this respect, Mr. Dorsey asked to be furnished information about the airport as soon as possible. Also, we must coordinate the bridge that will be coming across the Patuxent River. Mr. Dorsey said that if they stay off the railroad, they will

bypass the town entirely and leave the railroad intact. He said that the SRC would prefer to use the bypass method for the construction of the road. Mr. Tate stated that in his experience he has found that a bypass does not hurt business, and from his observations of these things, feels it would be advantageous to have the bypass in the Hollywood area.

Mr. Dorsey said the road can be constructed without using the railroad, but they would prefer to use it. However, if the county wants to retain the railroad, they can build the road without using it. The land use map prepared by Harland Bartholomew, Planning Consultants, was brought into the meeting and reviewed, indicating highway through center of the county as proposed by this firm. General discussion on this probability, and Mr. Dorsey said that Mr. Wolff would have to review this if it is considered. Mr. Etzler suggested that perhaps Mr. Wolff should see the plan submitted by Harland Bartholomew and possibly restudy the plans for Route 235. Mr. Burch suggested concentrating on the road as proposed by Harland Bartholomew from Route 242 down to the Lexington Park area. Mr. Bond was asked to call the SRC garage to get the traffic count north and south of Hollywood on Route 235, and it is as follows: Above Hollywood - 3800, below Hollywood - 4850, Lexington Park - 9,000. Senator Fowler and Mr. Dorsey pointed out that if the location proposed by Harland Bartholomew is chosen, it will delay this project at least another ten years. However, Mr. Dorsey said he will take the land use map and show it to Mr. Wolff and find out what his feelings are. Senator Raley suggested that the Commissioners could write to the SRC, stating they are going to keep the railroad and any road construction must be accomplished without using it.

Mr. Dorsey asked for the Commissioners recommendations, to be sent to Mr. Wolff for the latter's review. Mr. Burch suggested that the Commissioners recommend that road as proposed by Harland Bartholomew from Lexington Park north to Route 245 is best. Mr. Dorsey said that if the Commissioners want this, to write it into their recommendations to Mr. Wolff. He recommended emphasizing that the Commissioners want to save there in its entirety.

Senator Raley said that there has to be some firm decision on the section of the road that goes through Hollywood, and Mr. Burch reminded him that the legislators also have to agree on whatever is done. There was discussion concerning running the road from a point north of Somerseatt Village to Route 246 over the route proposed by Harland Bartholomew, that is from the end of the present improvement at Laurel Grove to Route 246. Mr. Dorsey said that in their letter to Mr. Wolff, the Commissioners should request a meeting in Baltimore with him so he can review what the Commissioners are requesting.

Mr. Dorsey took a copy of the land use map with the proposed location marked on it and he will present this to Mr. Wolff.

Patuxent River Bridge

Delegates Briscoe and Fowler, Mr. J. Daugherty, Mr. J. Mills, Senator J. Frank Raley, Mr. L. Etzler, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Bond, discussed the proposed location of this facility, and it was pointed out that this is the only location that the navy will approve. All present said they were in favor of the proposed location, however, Mr. Bowles said he would like to see the houses that would be taken before making a definite decision. It was agreed that there would be a meeting at the side of the proposed location of the bridge where it will come through on the St. Mary's County shore this afternoon, to determine what properties would be affected.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President