

**Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee**  
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October 13, 2015

Reference: The John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge- Featherbed Lane (Rte 673) Bridge Structure No. 6051: Loudoun County.  
Comments Regarding Strengthening/Replacement Project as Presented September 12, 2015

Dear Mr. Ezell:

The Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee acting as a consulting party with regard to the above referenced project has the following comments to offer after the Third Stakeholder Meeting held on September 12, 2015. Additionally, we thank the VDOT for its constructive engagement of the consulting parties and community during the meeting and its efforts to hear all points of views and respond to the questions presented.

- 1) Please clarify if additional meetings are planned with the stakeholders in the near future.
- 2) Please clarify that Alternative 2 has been replaced with Alternative 2A. The PowerPoint on the VDOT web site continues to list both as optional alternatives.
- 3) The community that we represent continues to urge us to make clear to VDOT that the John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge is loved and appreciated for both its unique architecture and also for its surroundings and that we want to ensure only the options that will maintain both of these factors will be considered by VDOT. The scenic value of the structure and the land has remained relatively unchanged since its historic designation and we would like to ensure that this continues to be the case.

The Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee also looks forward to learning how the VDHR views the various alternatives presented and the options that are most likely to maintain the Bridge on the Historic Register while keeping it in service.

We look forward to continue working with the FHWA and VDOT regarding this project. The Catoctin Creek Scenic River Committee can be reached at [CatoctinScenicRiver@gmail.com](mailto:CatoctinScenicRiver@gmail.com). You may also contact me directly at 540.454.6880 or [pattipsaris@rstarmail.com](mailto:pattipsaris@rstarmail.com).

Sincerely,

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