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And

Cellell Dalton, Carroll County Administrator

I am requesting special Safety funding for Route 52 North from Hillsville to Poplar Camp, Wythe County Line.

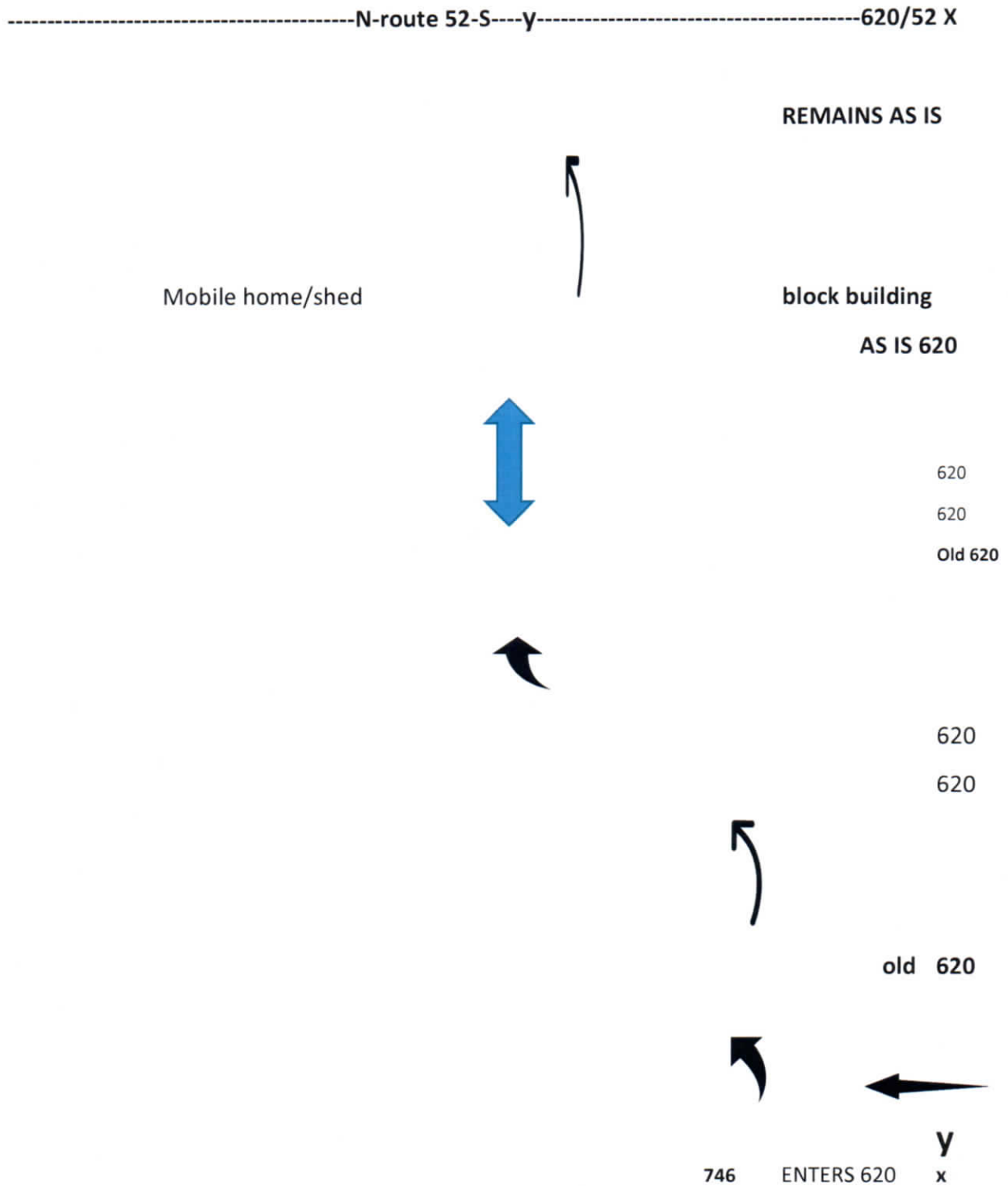
**Note that** the distance expressed starts at the intersection of highways 221 and 52, in Hillsville Virginia, measured from the traffic light at said intersection with the vehicle setting beside the pizza Hut and at the stopping point going north 52 waiting on the light to change to green. This is point 0, thus a spot improvement shown as 5.2 miles means that it is 5.2 miles from point 0.

**Major Construction projects.**

1. Route 52, Double Ford curves and involving Route 743, Pleasant View intersection with Route 52 and industrial entrance to F & M Rock Quarry. Project to start south of quarry about 500 feet, include blind curve at quarry entrance, skip to blind curve south and adjacent to Route 743 and conclude with widening of narrow blind arch culvert curve adjacent and north 50 feet from Route 743. The guard rails are again severely damaged being too narrow for a truck to meet even a car in said curve; thus, the truck side swiped the guard rail with the rear tires. Mile marker 10.2 to 10.7
2. Intersection route 620 and route 52 'top of mountain' area. This is main through way to and from interstate 77 when it is blocked by heavy traffic, wreck or road construction over to route 52 or vice versa. My proposal is a "Y" shape highway constructed from route 620 through the land over to route 52. The truck & trailers are at risk of getting stuck in making the current turn and there is a limited visibility for entering route 52 from route 620. Mile Mark 6.4 to 6.7 on Route 52 .

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Top of Mountain proposal of a Route 620 connecting lane to and from route 52.



3. Construct a truck lane from route 782 connection to 52 to the connection of 785 to **Route 52**. No houses on left side of 52; however, is a lot of rock face. 6.7 miles to 8.0 miles.
4. 6.7 mile mark route 782 entrance to route 52, to mile mark 8.0 route 747 enters route 52 at Shorts Creek Church in a blind curve. This section of 52 recently had guard rails rebuilt in a concrete retaining wall; however, route 52 continues to sink into a marsh with a creek with many guard rails listing badly. Curve needs to be widened with soil and route 52 moved to north at bottom of steep bank and retaining wall of concrete.
5. Mile mark 9.3 to 9.7. extreme limited sight curve for entrée and exit to Fowler Cemetery at north and south points. Basket Lane driveway enters 52 at apex of blind spot. Three families use this driveway. Curve appears to be all dirt.
6. At approximate 9.6 mark is a large curved concrete 180 degree culvert which has lost a substantial part of it's concrete base due to Creek erosion This culvert area has no guard rails and is 18 feet high. Very Dangerous!

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1. 3.5 to 3.7 miles restricting view. Cut back blind curve route 52 Effie Q. Crowder property
2. 4.5 to 4.65 miles restricting view. Cut back 2 small blind curves route 52.
3. 5.0-mile mark. Very small land projection spot that blocks view to route 749. Adjacent to narrow driveway.
4. 5.3-mile mark. Blind curve immediately on north 52 past Woodrow Worrell home at 'Early'.
5. 5.5 -mile mark on the left of small bridge as startup Beasley Hill route 52. Very minor dirt obstruction to view.
6. 6.15-mile mark on right near top of Beasley Hill. Above entrance to driveway for home and cemetery.
7. 8.7- mile mark. Shorts Creek Mountain Lane road enters route 52 and sight distance is blocked by a bank that jets out to edge of route 52. This a very small job.
8. 9.6 to 9.7- mile mark. There are two open culverts that begin at the white sideline of route 52 and are at the beginning and end of a blind dirt bank curve.
9. 9.95-10.0-mile mark. Going north from Hillsville drivers encounter a bank that causes them to enter a bridge unable to see south bound traffic.

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Thank you

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