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Beltway interchange move dies in committee CLINTON - A resolution asking Anderson County commissioners to endorse a Raccoon Valley interchange for the proposed Knoxville Beltway has died in committee.

Operations committee members earlier this week defeated a motion to recommend passage by the full commission of the resolution.

The matter, discussed during last month's commission meeting, isn't on the agenda for the May 15 session.

Studied for years, the Orange Route bypass is a 22.5-mile-long, four-lane roadway that would link Interstate 75 in Loudon County with I-75 in Anderson County.

At present, interchanges are only planned at Clinton Highway and Pellissippi Parkway.

The grassroots group BRINK, or Better Roads in North Knox, drafted the resolution calling for the Raccoon Valley interchange.

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