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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 411

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Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to study the proposed widening of Interstate Route 66 within Arlington County.

Patrons—Whipple and Ticer; Delegates: Almand, Brink and Darner

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Development Plan for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 includes a study of the widening of Interstate Route 66 in Arlington County between the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and Interstate Route 495; and

WHEREAS, in so densely settled a place as Arlington County, costs of right-of-way for such a project are likely to be very high, and it is prudent thoroughly to review the need for such a project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation be requested to include in its study of the proposed widening of Interstate Route 66 within Arlington County between the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and Interstate Route 495 the origins and destinations of people currently using Interstate Route 66, forecasts of travel demand, and all options for meeting this demand. In conducting this study, the Department shall consider, but not necessarily confine its investigations to: (i) a no-build option, in which no changes are made to the current design of the highway; (ii) a Transportation Systems Management approach, in which minor changes are made to entrance and exit ramps to improve travel flow, rather than major expansion or reconfiguration of the roadway itself (iii) an extension of Metrorail service to both Tyson's Corner and Dulles Airport, including an assessment of the need for additional right-of-way in connection with such an extension; (iv) the establishment of a bus rapid transit alternative in the Dulles corridor; (v) the implementation of high-occupancy vehicle lanes in both directions on Interstate Route 66 within the Capital Beltway during peak travel hours; (vi) the imposition of variably priced tolls for use of Interstate 66, so that use of the facility at peak travel hours would be more costly than during off-peak hours; and (vii) the conduct of all analyses required for a full environmental impact statement, including a full analysis of the social and economic impacts of the proposed project on adjoining communities, and environmental analysis of all air and noise impacts, and an analysis of the fiscal impacts of the proposed project on local governments. The Department shall conduct its study in a manner ensuring that local governments and the general public are fully involved in all its phases and elements.

The Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2002 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents. #

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