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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules on February 13, 2004)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Puller)

Recognizing the need for various transit options in the U.S. Route 1 corridor in Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Report.

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 1 in Northern Virginia is congested and home to several key military and commercial centers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has studied U.S. Route 1 for the purpose of increasing its vehicular capacity and bus rapid transit; and

WHEREAS, the funding of transit improvements should be a priority for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a long-term vision that includes transit-oriented economic development also is needed; and

WHEREAS, rapid transit can serve as a cost-effective and successful means of increasing travel capacity in this congested corridor; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain future options in the Route 1 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the study and development of a phased approach to highway, bus, bus rapid transit, light rail and other transit options that encourages compact, transit-oriented development throughout the corridor would assist the Counties of Fairfax and Prince William in their efforts to bring about pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use revitalization of U.S. Route 1; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the need for various transit options in the U.S. Route 1 corridor in Fairfax and Prince William Counties be recognized; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Chairmen of the Board of Supervisors of the Counties of Fairfax and Prince William, and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.