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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 756

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*Encouraging the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

WHEREAS, there are 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) operating in the Commonwealth of Virginia, all duly established pursuant to federal transportation legislation, 23 C.F.R. 450.300 series; and

WHEREAS, these MPO organizations are especially important in that, pursuant to federal legislation, they are, as the lead agencies, responsible for conducting the cooperative metropolitan transportation planning and programming process in their respective regions; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning and programming decisions made by these MPO organizations presage the future investment and expenditure of tens of millions of dollars of public moneys on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, while each of these MPO organizations is necessarily independent, whether they are large or small MPOs, they have numerous common interests at both the policy and technical levels, and they each seek to interpret and adhere to the requirements of the same federal legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly recognizes the need for and encourages the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO) to augment, not supplant, the duties of the individual MPOs in carrying out their respective metropolitan transportation planning and programming functions; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Secretary of Transportation shall determine the scope of VAMPO activities and responsibilities best suited to the professional needs of the Commonwealth of Virginia or adopt other measures to enhance the effectiveness, professionalism and confidence of the state's MPO organizations; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare of copy of this resolution for presentation to the Chair and the Executive Director of each of the state's MPO organizations that, in turn, requests their organization's inputs and recommendations for this state association of MPOs concept.

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