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**HOUSE BILL NO. 97****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation  
on February 24, 2016)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cole)

A *BILL to direct the Department of Transportation to conduct, with the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, an evaluation of traffic congestion on the Interstate 95 corridor in the George Washington Regional Commission region to determine the feasibility of extending the HOT lanes south on Interstate 95.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. *§ 1. The Department of Transportation and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization shall conduct a joint evaluation of traffic congestion occurring in the George Washington Regional Commission region on Interstate 95 between mile marker 145 in Stafford County and mile marker 125 in Spotsylvania County to determine the feasibility of extending the HOT lanes south on Interstate 95. The results of such evaluation shall be submitted to the General Assembly as an executive summary. To the extent that the Department of Transportation is in possession of or develops information or data that would assist or expedite the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's evaluation and development of an improvement program to address the congestion and needs of the Interstate 95 corridor in the area, the Department of Transportation shall make such information available to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization upon request, provided that such information does not constitute confidential or proprietary information of a private entity.*

2. **That the executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.**