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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 260

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Requesting the Department of Transportation to update its study of the Route 60 Corridor. Report.

Patrons—Peake and Sturtevant; Delegate: Ware

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation released a report (the Report) in 1999 entitled "Route 60 Corridor Study: Amherst, Nelson, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, and Powhatan Counties"; and

WHEREAS, the Report concluded that recommended improvements to the Route 60 Corridor included lane widening, widening of functionally obsolete bridges, and the addition of left and right turn lanes; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Report was to identify major problem areas along the Route 60 Corridor with respect to the estimated year 2020 traffic demand and to recommend roadway improvements that would enhance traffic movement and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Route 60 Corridor includes the Route 29 Bypass in Amherst County to west of Route 522 in Powhatan County, a distance of approximately 68 miles; and

WHEREAS, the residential, retail, and industrial development along the Route 60 Corridor has increased exponentially since the Report was drafted and a new assessment is necessary to adequately assess the Route 60 Corridor's increased traffic demand and subsequent recommended roadway improvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to update its study of the Route 60 Corridor.

In conducting its study, the Department of Transportation shall review and update its 1999 report entitled "Route 60 Corridor Study: Amherst, Nelson, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, and Powhatan Counties," taking into consideration (i) the increased residential, retail, and industrial development along the corridor and the accompanying increased traffic volume; (ii) the shift from a primarily rural facility to a semi-urban section through more developed areas; and (iii) whether the existing alignment is adequate throughout most of the corridor.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Transportation for this study, upon request.

The Department of Transportation shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2019, and the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall state whether the Department of Transportation intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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