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HOUSE BILL NO. 1294

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL to authorize the issuance of Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds, by and with the consent of the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 (§ 33.1-267 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia and as permitted by Section 9 (d) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia, in a principal amount not exceeding \$141,946,000, plus an amount for the issuance costs, capitalized interest, reserve funds, and other financing expenses (including, without limitation, any original issue discount), for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying all or a portion of the costs incurred or to be incurred for construction of an adequate, modern, safe, and efficient transportation system in that part of the Commonwealth that comprises the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program; authorizing the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fix the details of such bonds and to provide for the sale of such bonds at public or private sale; providing for the pledge under a payment agreement with the Treasury Board of Transportation Trust Fund revenues, including funds which may be otherwise appropriated by the General Assembly; and further providing that the interest income from such bonds shall be exempt from all taxation within the Commonwealth.

Patrons—Parrish, Brickley, Hargrove, Harris, McClure, Rollison and Wilkins; Senators: Barry, Benedetti, Chichester, Colgan, Holland, E.M., Saslaw, Stosch and Woods

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Whereas, Section 9 (d) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 33.1-267 through 33.1-295 of the Code of Virginia provide that the General Assembly may authorize the issuance of bonds secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under a payment agreement between the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Treasury Board, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly and payable first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iii) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the projects described herein will be state highways operated and maintained by the Commonwealth Transportation Board as described in § 33.1-12; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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§ 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate 66 Economic Development Program, Commonwealth of Virginia Revenue Bond Act of 1994."

§ 2. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor, to issue, pursuant to the provisions of §§ 33.1-267 through 33.1-295 of the Code of Virginia, at one time or from time to time, bonds of the Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series, " in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$141,946,000, plus an amount for the issuance costs, capitalized interest, reserve funds, and other financing expenses (including, without limitation, original issue discount) (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of such Bonds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying the costs incurred or to be incurred for construction or funding of the projects that comprise the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program as hereinafter defined and as established in Article 5 (§ 33.1-267 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 33.1, consisting of environmental and engineering studies, rights-of-way acquisition, construction and related improvements (the "projects"). Such costs may include the payment of interest on the Bonds for a period during construction and not exceeding one year after completion of construction of the projects.

The projects constitute the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program and consist generally of the design, acquisition and construction of certain improvements to, and contiguous to, Interstate 66 in the northwest area of Prince William County in the vicinity of the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Interstate 66 and U.S. Route 15, including but not limited to (1) capacity enhancement improvements to Interstate 66 from the existing interchange with State Route 234 to and including a new interchange to be constructed west of the existing interchange with U.S. Route 15; (2) improvements to the planned interchange on Interstate 66 at State Route 234 Bypass and to the existing interchanges at U.S. Route 29 and U.S. Route 15; (3) construction of a new interchange on Interstate 66 west of the existing interchange with U.S. Route 15 with a connection to the existing Antioch Road (State Route 631), including an interchange at Antioch Road; (4) construction of a new public access connector road from a new Antioch Road interchange in an eastward direction to U.S. Route 15; (5) construction of capacity

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60 enhancement improvements to U.S. Route 15 from the interchange with Interstate 66 north for
61 approximately 2.7 miles; and (6) to provide for a regional sign, signal and lighting program related to
62 the improvements provided by the Program.

63 The Bonds shall be issued by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and sold through the
64 Treasury Board, which is hereby designated the sales and paying agent of the Commonwealth
65 Transportation Board with respect to the Bonds. The Treasury Board's duties shall include the approval
66 of the terms and structure of the Bonds.

67 § 3. The proceeds of the Bonds herein authorized shall be made available by the Commonwealth
68 Transportation Board to pay the costs of the projects and, where appropriate, may be paid to any
69 authority, locality or commission for the purpose of paying for the costs of the projects. The proceeds of
70 the Bonds may be used with any federal, local or private funds which may be made available for such
71 purpose.

72 § 4. The Bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature at
73 such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the
74 Commonwealth Transportation Board, or by a formula or method established by resolution of the
75 Commonwealth Transportation Board, and may be made redeemable before their maturity or maturities,
76 at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Commonwealth
77 Transportation Board prior to the issuance of the Bonds. The principal of and the interest on the Bonds
78 shall be made payable in lawful money of the United States of America. The Commonwealth
79 Transportation Board shall determine the form of the Bonds and fix the denomination or denominations
80 of the Bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at the
81 office of the State Treasurer or any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth.

82 All Bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall have and are hereby declared to have, as
83 between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable
84 instruments law of the Commonwealth.

85 The Bonds may be issued under a system of book entry for recording the ownership and transfer of
86 ownership of rights to receive payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds.

87 The Bonds may be sold at a public or private sale for such price or prices as the Commonwealth
88 Transportation Board may determine to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

89 § 5. The Bonds shall be signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Commissioner of the
90 Commonwealth Transportation Board or shall bear his facsimile signature, shall bear the official seal of
91 the Board, and shall be attested by the Secretary of the Board. Any interest coupons shall bear a
92 facsimile of the signature of the Secretary. In the event that the Bonds shall bear the facsimile signature
93 of the Secretary, the Bonds shall be signed by such administrative assistant as the Secretary shall
94 determine or by any Registrar/Paying Agent that may be designated by the Treasury Board. In case any
95 officer, whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any Bonds or coupons, shall
96 cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bonds, his signature or facsimile signature shall
97 nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he had remained in office until such delivery.

98 § 6. All expenses incurred under this Act shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds or from any
99 available funds as the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall determine.

100 § 7. Subject to the condition set forth hereinafter in § 15, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is
101 hereby authorized to borrow money at such rate or rates through the execution and issuance of notes of
102 the Commonwealth for the same, but only in the following circumstances and under the following
103 conditions:

104 a. In anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, the issuance of which shall have been authorized by the
105 Commonwealth Transportation Board and shall have been approved by the Governor, if the
106 Commonwealth Transportation Board shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of the Bonds.

107 b. For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein authorized.

108 § 8. The proceeds of the Bonds and of the bond anticipation notes herein authorized (except the
109 proceeds of bonds, the issuance of which has been anticipated by such bond anticipation notes) shall be
110 placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund in the state treasury, or with his concurrence may be
111 placed in accordance with § 33.1-283, and shall be disbursed only for the purpose for which such
112 Bonds and such bond anticipation notes shall be issued; however, proceeds derived from the sale of
113 Bonds or renewal herein authorized shall be first used in the payment of any bond anticipation notes
114 that may have been issued in anticipation of the sale of such Bonds and any renewals of such notes.

115 § 9. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized to receive any other funds that
116 may be made available to pay the cost of the projects and to make available the same to the payment of
117 the principal of and the interest on the debt authorized hereby and to enter into the appropriate
118 agreements to allow for these funds to be paid into the state treasury to pay a part of the cost of the
119 projects or to pay the principal of and the interest on such debt.

120 § 10. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, may establish a
121 minimum reserve fund requirement for the Bonds.

§ 11. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, shall establish a sinking fund for the payment of the Bonds to the credit of which there shall be deposited such amounts as are required to pay debt service on the Bonds due and payable for such fiscal years first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund , (ii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iii) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

§ 12. Bond proceeds and moneys in any reserve funds and sinking funds shall be invested by the State Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of general law relating to the investment of such funds belonging to or in the control of the Commonwealth, or with the State Treasurer's concurrence by a trustee in accordance with § 33.1-283.

§ 13. The interest income from, but not any profit made on the sale of, the Bonds, notes and coupons, if any, issued under the provisions of this Act, shall at all times be free and exempt from taxation by the Commonwealth and by any municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof.

§ 14. All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of this Act are hereby made securities in which all of the following may properly and legally invest funds under their control: all public officers and bodies of the Commonwealth; all counties, cities, towns and municipal subdivisions; all insurance companies and associations; all savings banks and savings institutions, including savings and loan associations; administrators; guardians; executors; trustees; and other fiduciaries in the Commonwealth.

§ 15. The authority granted hereunder to the Commonwealth Transportation Board is expressly conditioned upon the approval of the Board of County Supervisors of the County of Prince William of a site plan for an area at least 2,500 acres contiguous to the proposed interchange for a project which shall require a capital investment of at least \$500,000,000, as certified to the Commonwealth Transportation Board by the Clerk of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William or other appropriate county official.

2. That if any part of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.