HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 404

Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to study and evaluate cut-through traffic policy.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 1995
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, residential cut-through traffic can be defined as traffic passing through a specific residential area without stopping or at least having an origin or destination within the area; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and general welfare of residential communities are adversely affected by cut-through traffic; and

WHEREAS, even though cut-through traffic would better be served by using the street system intended for through traffic, for various reasons, it uses the residential street system instead; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation recognized this problem and developed a policy, adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in 1989, to establish clear guidelines for studying the issues of cut-through traffic, identifying possible solutions and implementing those solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has been operating under this policy for approximately five years and has recognized the need to evaluate this policy, as well as the solutions that have been implemented to deter cut-through traffic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to involve citizens, civic organizations and other community groups in evaluating effectiveness of the existing cut-through policy and the solutions that have been implemented to solve cut-through traffic problems; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Department of Transportation involve these same groups in determining whether its existing residential cut-through traffic policy needs to be modified to include additional classifications of residential streets; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1996 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.