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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Offered January 18, 1996

Requesting the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Western Transportation Corridor Study Policy Advisory Committee.

Patrons—Waddell, Colgan, Couric, Houck, Howell, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple; Delegates: Mims and Watts

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, and ultimate construction of a highway to serve as a connector between Interstate Routes 95, 81, and 70 in Northern Virginia is critical to the encouragement and management of future economic growth in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, construction of such a highway is critical in providing southern and western access to Washington Dulles International Airport and improved southern access to the Virginia Inland Port at Front Royal, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a major investment study (MIS) for the Northern Virginia Western Transportation Corridor currently is being conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, public hearings connected with this study concluded in December 1995, and

WHEREAS, the MIS is expected to be completed by mid-1996, with recommendations and decisions based on that study to be reviewed and approved by the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and other regional transportation commissions; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for early participation by appropriate elected and appointed local, regional, and state public officials in the MIS efforts so as to (i) facilitate the process of developments of these recommendations and decisions arising from the MIS and (ii) encourage future cooperation and coordination of planning, preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition, funding, and construction of any such highway; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation have established Policy Advisory Committees for other studies such as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Dulles Corridor Rail and I-66 Corridor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Secretary of Transportation be hereby requested to establish a Western Transportation Corridor Study Policy Advisory Committee to assist the Virginia Department of Transportation in completing the aforementioned MIS on a timely and coordinated basis; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That such Advisory Committee shall consist of the following twenty-two members: the Secretary of Transportation or his designee, who shall serve as Chairman; the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation or his designee, who shall serve as Vice-Chairman; the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation or his designee; the District Administrator of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Northern Virginia Construction District; the Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council; the Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; the Chairman of the Potomac-Rappahannock Transportation District Commission; the Chairmen and one member of the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford; the Chairman of the Virginia Senate Transportation Committee; the Chairman of the Virginia Senate Finance Committee's Transportation Subcommittee; and a senior Northern Virginia member from the House of Delegates Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Roads and Internal Navigation.

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