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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 152
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation
on February 14, 1998)
(Patron Prior to Substitute-Delegate Robinson)

Continuing the Commission on the Future of Transportation in Virginia.

WHEREAS, the economic health of the Commonwealth relies, in part, on its transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, that infrastructure works to provide mobility for both people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has historically dedicated transportation funds to support its investment in the transportation infrastructure and has recognized the needs of specific geographic regions to raise revenues dedicated to transportation needs beyond those covered by state funding; and

WHEREAS, statewide transportation needs have been assessed by the Commission on the Future of Transportation in Virginia, created by House Joint Resolution No. 160 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 110, approved by the 1996 Session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, specific needs exist for significant transportation projects in various regions of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, regional solutions for funding transportation are a viable option; and

WHEREAS, there is a benefit to local elected officials working with state legislators to identify funding solutions to transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, although the Commission was able to make "an interim report of its assessment of Virginia's transportation needs" as provided in House Joint Resolution No. 519 of 1997, it was unable fully to carry out its charge under House Joint Resolution No. 160 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 110 of 1996 within the revised schedule established in House Joint Resolution No. 519 of 1997; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Commission on the Future of Transportation in Virginia, created pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 160 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 110 of 1996, be hereby continued. The membership of the Commission shall remain as originally constituted, with any vacancies being filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that the membership of the Commission shall be expanded by one member so as to include both cochairmen of the House Committee on Transportation.

The Commission is encouraged to establish regional working groups to (i) address specific transportation funding issues for significant highways and public transportation projects, (ii) consider the appropriate role for state and local funding of these projects, and (iii) maximize the use of each transportation mode to produce an integrated regional transportation network. These working groups should include legislative members of the Commission who reside in the region, other state legislators from the region, elected officials of the region's localities, and members of the region's business community.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$26,000.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1999 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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