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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 217
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation
on February 5, 1998)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Puller)

Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to conduct a centerline design study of the US Route 1 Corridor in Fairfax and Prince William Counties.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation, pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 256 (1994) and House Joint Resolution No. 21 (1996), has completed a comprehensive study of the US Route 1 Corridor in Fairfax and Prince William Counties; and

WHEREAS, the US Route 1 Corridor Study (the Corridor Study) has been conducted under the policy guidance of a steering committee consisting of state and local elected officials from Fairfax and Prince William Counties; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee received guidance from a technical committee consisting of state and local government, professional staff, and qualified individuals from the business and civic communities; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee received extensive public comment and participation through newsletters, public information meetings, informal meetings with citizens and interested groups, and public actions by the local governing bodies of Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the Town of Dumfries; and

WHEREAS, the Dumfries Town Council and the Boards of Supervisors for Fairfax and Prince William Counties have each endorsed the recommended plan; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee for the Corridor Study has endorsed the recommended plan for the improvement of the US Route 1 Corridor (the Corridor) within these two counties; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee has recommended a centerline design study of the recommended plan as the next step in the improvement of the Corridor in Fairfax and Prince William Counties; and

WHEREAS, a centerline design study would identify the rights-of-way required by the recommended improvements to US Route 1 while minimizing impacts to property owners and tenants adjacent to US Route 1, and to residents of the Corridor in general; and

WHEREAS, the corridor study isolated and defined seven distinct segments based on the nature, character, and purpose of each segment and warranted special action; and

WHEREAS, Segments III, IV, and VII were the most congested, most populated, and contained the most businesses, and are the least likely segments to pose environmental, historical, or archaeological impacts, but have the greatest effect on the economic vitality and quality of life in the corridor; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation be requested to give priority to these segments and project funding for the conduct of a Centerline Design Study of these segments in the US Route 1 Corridor in Fairfax and Prince William Counties; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the results of that centerline design study, with the recommendations for prioritization and funding for improvements, including the centerline design study for the remaining segments, by the Virginia Department of Transportation be returned to the Governor and the General Assembly at the earliest possible date in compliance with the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.