HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 276

Requesting the Secretary of Transportation, with the assistance and cooperation of certain agencies and organizations, to assist in the development of options that might result in short-term improvements affecting the Tyson's Corner area.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 13, 1998 Agreed to by the Senate, March 13, 1998

WHEREAS, the Tyson's Corner area of Fairfax County is a major center of business and commercial activity; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to move large volumes of people and products both within the immediate Tyson's Corner area and between Tyson's Corner and origins and destinations outside the area; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is planning to offer high-capacity, convenient Metrobus service between Tyson's Corner and Bethesda, Maryland, in late spring 1998; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Frank Wolf has proposed the initiation of an innovative bus service in the Dulles Airport Corridor while the extension of rapid rail service is developed; and

WHEREAS, the extension of rapid rail service in the Dulles Airport Corridor is several years in the future; and

WHEREAS, in the interim there is a crucial need to identify additional short-range highway and transit improvements that would improve circulation within the Tyson's Corner area, as well as enhance access to and from the West Falls Church Metrorail Station, and to coordinate all planned improvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Transportation, with the assistance and cooperation of certain agencies and organizations, be requested to assist in the development of options that might result in short-term improvements affecting the Tyson's Corner area. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the County of Fairfax, WMATA, and the Tysons Transportation Association are included within the agencies and organizations assisting the Secretary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That these efforts should identify the costs associated with the various program options and identify funding options associated with the program options; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That public transportation program options may be implemented as funding is available.

The Secretary shall complete her work in time to submit her 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.