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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 542

House Amendments in [] — February 7, 1999

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 and long-term improvements affecting the Reston area.

Patrons—Plum; Senators: Howell and Mims

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Reston area of Fairfax County is a major center of business, commercial, and residential activity; and

WHEREAS, Reston has 15.3 million square feet of commercial space, making it the number two "downtown" office location in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to move large volumes of people and products both within the immediate Reston area and between Reston and origins and destinations outside the area; 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 critical to meeting future needs; 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 Reston area and to coordinate all planned improvements; [and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has adopted a Dulles Corridor Express Bus Service Plan which includes significant service improvements in the Reston area; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has convened the Dulles Corridor Task Force to study future transit needs in the Dulles Corridor, including Reston;] 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 and long-term improvements affecting the Reston area. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the County of Fairfax, WMATA, LINK, [~~and~~] the Dulles Corridor Rail Association [, the Dulles Corridor Task Force, and local elected officials] 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 2000 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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