VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 953

An Act to require the Virginia Department of Transportation to solicit proposals for improvements to U.S. Route 460 between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.

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Whereas, improvements to the U.S. Route 460 corridor between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area would facilitate evacuation of Hampton Roads in the event of a hurricane, other natural disaster, or act of terrorism; and

Whereas, improvements to this corridor would also facilitate movement of freight and military forces and supplies to and from the ports of Hampton Roads; and

Whereas, state funds adequate to undertake the needed improvements in the U.S. Route 460 corridor are not likely to be available in the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, it is thus highly desirable that the Department of Transportation solicit proposals to construct the improvements to the U.S. Route 460 corridor between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. Within 90 days of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's approval of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the U.S. Route 460 Corridor and related projects between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area, the Department of Transportation shall solicit proposals for improvements to U.S. Route 460 between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.*

The Department of Transportation shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report of its progress in completing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and in soliciting the proposals as required above no later than the first day of the 2005 and 2006 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.