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HOUSE BILL NO. 1466

Offered January 19, 2006

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 33.1-56.3:1, relating to development and implementation of plan for use of HOT lanes by bus rapid transit operators in the Washington-Fredericksburg Corridor.*

Patron—Eisenberg

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 33.1-56.3:1 as follows:

§ 33.1-56.3:1. *Plan for use of HOT lanes by bus rapid transit operators in the Washington-Fredericksburg Corridor.*

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation, shall, in consultation with local providers of bus rapid transit services in the Washington-Fredericksburg Corridor, develop and implement a plan that allows bus rapid transit service providers to take maximum advantage of HOT lanes within the Corridor. Such plans shall include operating and business components that:

1. Ensure consideration of transit vehicle and access system infrastructure in HOT lane environments and along adjacent highways;

2. Ensure transit vehicle service to adjacent activity centers, connect with other nearby transit services, have easy HOT lane access, and ensure attractive and cost-efficient pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle access to the transit system;

3. Require HOT lane agreements to include dedicated operating support for public transportation;

4. Establish performance standards related to average corridor vehicle occupancy, mode-share, emissions, and other relevant measures;

5. Require the inclusion of performance standards in all HOT lane project agreements;

6. Mitigate failures to meet performance standards; and

7. Require full National Environmental Policy Act environmental review under the Public Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.).

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