

1996 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Requesting the Secretary of Transportation to establish the Western Transportation Corridor Study Policy Advisory Committee.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 1996

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1996

WHEREAS, the planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, and ultimate construction of a highway to serve as a connector between Interstate Routes 95, 81, and 70 in Northern Virginia is critical to the encouragement and management of future economic growth in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, construction of such a highway is critical in providing southern and western access to Washington Dulles International Airport and improved southern access to the Virginia Inland Port at Front Royal, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a major investment study (MIS) for the Northern Virginia Western Transportation Corridor currently is being conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, two series of public meetings have been held regarding corridor feasibility; and

WHEREAS, public hearings connected with this study will be held in spring 1996; and

WHEREAS, the MIS is expected to be completed by mid-1996, with recommendations and decisions based on that study to be presented to the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council, metropolitan planning organizations, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and other regional transportation commissions; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the study, the recommendations will be considered by the metropolitan planning organizations in Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg to be incorporated in their adopted long-range transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for early participation by appropriate elected and appointed local, regional, and state public officials in the MIS efforts so as to (i) facilitate the development of recommendations and decisions arising from the MIS and (ii) encourage the future cooperation and coordination of planning, preliminary engineering, designing, acquiring rights-of-way, funding, and constructing any such highway; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation have established policy advisory committees for other studies such as the Dulles Corridor Rail and I-66 Corridor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Secretary of Transportation be requested to establish the Western Transportation Corridor Study Policy Advisory Committee to assist the Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation in completing the aforementioned MIS on a timely and coordinated basis; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That such advisory committee shall consist of the following members: one member each of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Task Force, and the Bypass Alternatives Review Committee and, upon the recommendation of the respective Boards of Supervisors, one member each of the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford, to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation shall complete their work on the MIS in time to submit their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 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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