

RESOLUTION NO. 321

WHEREAS, the City-State Capital Program calls for the improvements to Duke Street between Longview Drive and Jordan Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Major Thoroughfare Plan calls for the same improvements; and

WHEREAS, this will complete the widening of Duke Street within the City Limits; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the outside lane of westbound and one lane of eastbound traffic be designated during rush hours for buses except for right turning traffic;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia,

1. That the State is requested to expedite the final design of this project;
2. That the State is requested to proceed with the acquisition of the remaining property as soon as possible;
3. That the City is willing to pay its full share of the cost of this project;
4. That the City Manager is authorized to sign the necessary City-State Agreements for carrying out the above;
5. That the attached concept plan is acceptable with the proposed design being made as close as possible to the typical sections outlined in Mr. Dayton L. Cook's letter of April 23, 1974; and
6. That the improvement of the intersection of Duke Street and Quaker Lane be separately expedited if the entire project cannot be under construction within three years at the most;
7. That this Resolution shall be in effect from its passage.

Adopted May 28, 1974

Helen Vickers, Clerk of the
City of Alexandria, Virginia

DATE: April 23, 1974

TO: Mr. David R. Cooper, Director of Planning & Community Development

FROM: Dayton L. Cook, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Improvements to Duke Street

Over the past 10 years, Duke Street has been improved in various stages. The first phase was for the improvements to Duke Street at the Telegraph Road intersection extending from Longview Drive to approximately Roberts Lane. The second phase was for the improvements between Jordan Street and Walker Street, keeping in mind that that portion of Duke Street between Walker Street and Shirley Highway was improved when Shirley Highway was widened. On March 5, 1974, the Planning Commission approved the concept plan for improving Duke Street between Roberts Lane and Callahan Drive, with a public hearing set by Council to be held in May.

The remaining portion of Duke Street not yet improved is between Jordan Street on the west and approximately Longview Drive on the east. It is hereby requested that concept approval for improving Duke Street between Jordan and Longview be granted based on the preliminary concept as outlined below.

- (A) From Jordan Street to Fort Williams Parkway. Six lanes divided; parking lanes to be provided where existing single-family service road presently exists.

Median between main line Duke Street and service road to disappear; no-parking lane to be left in commercial area.

- (B) Fort Williams Parkway to Cambridge Road. Six lanes divided; no service roads.

- (C) Longview Drive to Cambridge Road. Six lanes divided; service road on north side only. Council ordered this service road built as a condition of the approval of Site Plan #73-018 on July 24, 1973.

The existing right-of-way varies from 160 feet down to 56 feet. The proposed minimum right-of-way is 112 feet, with a maximum of 160 feet. The majority of right-of-way should be approximately 120 feet.

Before this plan can be implemented it must be approved by the Commission and Council and a resolution passed by the City requesting the Virginia Department of Highways to proceed. Funds for the project will be on a 85%/15% basis, with the City's share at 15%. It is anticipated that it will be approximately 3 to 5 years before construction of this project is completed if the resolution is passed now.

It is therefore recommended that the above improvements to Duke Street be approved in concept in order that this plan can go forward so long as a resolution is passed by Council and said resolution passed.

Dayton L. Cook
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Attachments

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