

RESOLUTION NO. 421

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has disapproved use of Interstate Highway funds for the construction of Interstate Route 66 from the Beltway to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, such action is in accord with previous actions of the Alexandria City Council;

WHEREAS, the estimated Federal share of the cost of Interstate 66 is more than \$150 million which sum can be transferred, at the request of the Governor of Virginia, to other transportation projects in the State of Virginia under section 137(b) (4) of the 1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act;

WHEREAS, because of the Secretary's decision, the future use of the Interstate 66 Corridor for the Vienna line of the Metrorail System may not, under present law, be available for transit use;

WHEREAS, mass transportation projects are a permissible use of such funds, and that there is an immediate and urgent need for additional funding of the Metrorail System in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission has under study the transfer of Interstate Highway funds from Interstate 66 to assist in meeting the financial needs of the Metrorail System; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland is currently paying 100% of the capital costs and a substantial portion of the operating costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

That the City of Alexandria urgently endorses the transfer of Interstate 66 funds to the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority for application to the capital costs of the Metrorail System in Northern Virginia;

That the Governor of Virginia be, and is, hereby requested to take such action as is required to secure the transfer of the Federal-Aid Highway funds presently allocated for the construction of Interstate 66 to the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority for application to capital costs of the Metrorail System in Northern Virginia; and

That the General Assembly of Virginia be, and is, hereby requested to take such action as is required to authorize the use of the Interstate 66 Corridor for transit purposes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Virginia, the President of the Virginia State Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, members of the Virginia General Assembly representing the City of Alexandria, and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

Adopted: September 9, 1975

Shelley Holleman, Clerk of the City of
Alexandria, Virginia