

RESOLUTION NO. 71

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has for years consistently supported a coordinated regional transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Compact and rapid rail transit are vital initial steps in the coordinated regional system; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria and the other metropolitan areas have engaged in intensive planning so that rapid transit would augment orderly development and assist greatly in alleviating urban blight caused by overcrowded City and County streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, all other jurisdictions who are parties to the METRO Compact have promptly "paid their share" pursuant to the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria feels it is a matter of grave concern if the District of Columbia does not receive authorization promptly from Congress to make its just contribution to the Metro System; and

WHEREAS, Congress' refusal to provide funds will have severe economic and social repercussions for the entire metropolitan area, will diminish any hope for rapid transit now or in the future and could undermine the future use of the regional compact concept in this area.

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria cannot continue indefinitely to make financial contribution to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority without receiving some assurance that District of Columbia funds will be released promptly and that the System will in fact be constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council strongly supports the release at the earliest possible time by Congress of the District's share of Metro costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council goes on record in recommending vigorously that the President of the United States and members of Congress, of both political parties, continue to take all necessary actions to expedite the release of the District's Metro funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Executive Office of the President, the Offices of the members of the Virginia Delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives and the Senate and House District Committees.

Adopted November 24, 1971

BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. MAYOR

Attest:

Helen Vickers Clerk