

RESOLUTION NO. 126

WHEREAS, the Department, in cooperation with the City of Alexandria, has proposed a replacement for the presently inadequate and structurally unsafe bridge carrying U. S. Route 1 over the R. F. & P. Railroad Potomac Yards in the City of Alexandria, and

WHEREAS, bids have been received and the Alexandria City Council has authorized execution of the City-State Cooperation Agreement and has thereby concurred that the contract for the initial phase of the new bridge should be awarded, provided that the Highway Commission adopts this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is very concerned about planning for the relocation of U. S. Route 1 through the City and, particularly that segment on Patrick and Henry Streets south of the proposed new bridge, and

WHEREAS, the City's primary concerns are that this segment of U. S. Route 1 blights the adjoining residential neighborhoods, constitutes a series of traffic hazards and generates excessive air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the City points out that, in addition to the proposed new bridge in Alexandria, U. S. Route 1 is being improved south of the City in Fairfax County and will be improved north of the City in Arlington County when I-595 is constructed, and the City therefore contends that action should begin now to relocate and improve the segment in Alexandria south of the proposed bridge, and

WHEREAS, the City therefore is requesting assurance that the Department, within applicable laws and budget limitations, will cooperate in planning, financing, and subsequent construction of a new U. S. Route 1 corridor, and

WHEREAS, the Department concurs that construction of a new U. S. Route 1 corridor is a meritorious project that deserves high priority consideration, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that if it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, the Department will cooperate with the City, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, and other concerned agencies in planning a new corridor for U. S. Route 1 in a location acceptable to the City and the State; and will cooperate in seeking expeditious financing of the project as additional moneys become available to the State through the Federal Highway Administration (as has been proposed by a bill recently introduced in Congress) or otherwise, and through reprogramming of funds currently assigned to Alexandria highway projects where changes in priorities are later agreed to by the City and the State.

Adopted August 8, 1972

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Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk  
and Clerk of Council