

RESOLUTION NO. 274

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is participating in a study of the feasibility of interconnecting and computerizing traffic signals in Northern Virginia, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Highways; the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; Arlington and Fairfax Counties; and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Traffic Control System is planned to improve traffic flows, decrease travel congestion, expedite public transportation, and increase utilization of the existing highway system as one means to decrease the amount of new roadway construction required; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Traffic Control System will require a single control center, which will house the system computer and central communications facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Control System staff which will operate the system will be concerned with traffic signal coordination and control throughout Northern Virginia, as well as related activities which may include freeway surveillance, bus priority systems, and reversible lane controls; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee for this project has recommended that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission be the agency to manage the centralized traffic control system for Northern Virginia, subject to approval of an appropriate operating charter by each jurisdiction participating in the Traffic Control System, and the Virginia Department of Highways has endorsed this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, enabling legislation by the Virginia General Assembly and formal resolutions of each participating jurisdiction, including the Virginia Department of Highways, supporting this recommendation will be required before the Traffic Control System can be established; and

WHEREAS, the City is informed that the consultant report on the feasibility of interconnecting and computerizing traffic signals in Northern Virginia and a draft of a proposed operating charter will be completed and released in January, 1974; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this consultant report and operating charter draft will provide the facts the City Council needs to determine if participation in the proposed Traffic Control System is advantageous to the City of Alexandria, and if the operating charter can practicably provide adequate control by the City of Alexandria of traffic signals within the City and also provide acceptable financial arrangements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the system:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, hereby expresses interest in the proposed computerized Traffic Control System for Northern Virginia and requests that the consultant report on this proposed system and operating charter draft be completed and transmitted to the City of Alexandria as soon as possible so that the City Council can expeditiously determine whether it is in Alexandria's interest to participate in the establishment and operation of the Northern Virginia Traffic Control System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby expresses its tentative opinion based on partial information that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission appears to be the preferred management agency for the proposed Northern Virginia Traffic Control System, if such system is established.

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

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers

Clerk

Adopted December 26, 1973