

WHEREAS, U. S. Highway No. 1 is a major thoroughfare and highway connector in the City of Alexandria;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation has determined that the reconstruction and/or relocation of Route 1 should be included as part of the State of Virginia Ten-Year Highway Plan;

WHEREAS, as part of this effort, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation is in the process of examining a number of different alternative routes in terms of their engineering and financial feasibility and their socio-economic impact;

WHEREAS, a similar process is or will be undertaken for those portions of Route 1 lying in the County of Arlington and it is desirable that any steps to relocate and/or reconstruct Route 1 should be coordinated between the City of Alexandria and Arlington County;

WHEREAS, any reconstruction and/or relocation of Route 1 will have significant transportation, environmental, social, and economic impacts on residential neighborhoods and commercial areas in Alexandria, in particular the area generally bounded by the Potomac River on the East, Russell Road on the West, and the City line to the North and South;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that there be a complete and detailed examination of all relevant factors bearing upon any decision by the City Council to approve or disapprove the reconstruction and/or relocation of Route 1 and that a coordinated effort to obtain maximum participation by all concerned and interested citizens, groups or associations would be highly beneficial to this examination;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria by Resolution No. 331, dated June 27, 1974, established the Alexandria City Transportation Planning Board, which Board, among other things, is charged with the responsibility of advising the City Council and the Planning Commission on specific highway and road projects when expressly so directed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Transportation Planning Board is therefore the appropriate body to act as the advisory coordinating body for this effort.

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

That, the Alexandria City Transportation Planning Board is authorized and directed to:

(1) discuss and work with appropriate members of the City staff and the staff and consultants of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation any and all plans, studies and other matters concerning the relocation of Route 1;

(2) contact and consult with any citizens, civic or business organizations, or other groups or individuals concerned with Route 1;

(3) establish an advisory Committee of not more than fifteen individuals, a majority of which shall be drawn from the area generally bounded by the Potomac River on the East, Russell Road on the West, and the City line to the North and South, and include, but not be limited to, the Del Ray, Northeast, Inner City, Old Town, Lynhaven, Southwest Quadrant, Yates Gardens, and Rosemont Citizen Associations, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Life Incorporated, ANCIA, Arlandria Merchants Association, Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, these and any other association, group or organization members to be selected by the association, group or organization concerned;

(4) hold, with the participation of the Advisory Committees, such informational public hearings, for the purpose of receiving the views of citizens, as may be appropriate;

(5) establish appropriate liaison with the Arlington Transportation Commission, or other bodies as may be designated by the Arlington County Board, for the purpose of sharing and coordinating information and comments and the holding of joint public hearings; and

(6) file such reports and recommendations with the City Council and the City Manager as may, from time to time, be appropriate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Arlington County Board be requested to appoint the Arlington Transportation Commission or some other appropriate body to act in coordination with the Alexandria City Transportation Planning Board, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Arlington County Board making such a request.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That the Virginia Department of Highways and their Consultant be requested to cooperate with this process, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Highways.

Adopted April 8, 1975

Helen Vickers, Clerk of the City
of Alexandria, Virginia