

RESOLUTION NO. 441

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission may designate one or more lanes of any highway in the Interstate, Primary, or Secondary Systems, as commuter lanes for the exclusive use of buses and motor vehicles transporting multiple occupants to facilitate the rapid and orderly manner of traffic to and from urban areas during peak periods; and

WHEREAS, a portion of I-95 (Shirley Highway) from Springfield north to the District of Columbia has been designated as commuter lanes for buses and automobiles carrying four passengers or more; and

WHEREAS, the Shirley Highway Steering Committee is charged with the responsibility for recommending to the State Highway Commission proper uses of the Shirley Highway express lanes, including the number and locations of entrance and exit points; and

WHEREAS, requests by the City of Alexandria for the access points at Seminary Road and Shirlington to be made available to automobiles carrying four passengers or more have been denied for reasons of alleged bus/auto conflicts at these two access points, potential overcrowding of the commuter lanes, and for general safety regards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is of the strong opinion that the requested access points will create minimum safety hazards, and that recent surveys demonstrate a severe underutilization of the express lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is appalled that Alexandria residents and others using, or potentially using, Seminary Road and Shirlington Circle are denied access to commuter express facilities running within the City limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, again calls upon the State Highway Commission, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation and the Shirley Highway Steering Committee immediately to grant for private automobiles, carrying four passengers, access to the commuter lanes at Seminary Road and the Shirlington Circle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Northern Virginia delegation to the Virginia House and Senate, to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, and to the other Northern Virginia jurisdictions, and to request them to express their concurrence.

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Helen Holleman

Clerk