

RESOLUTION NO. 481

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is constructing a Rapid Rail Line through the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Rapid Rail Line will displace forty (40) units of Public Housing located in the John Roberts Homes Project; and

WHEREAS, the families living in the units which must be relocated will be greatly inconvenienced so that they and their fellow Alexandrians may enjoy the benefits of Rapid Transit; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Council of Alexandria are concerned that the families originally living in the units be relocated only once due to this construction; and

WHEREAS, the completion of new housing units has been delayed and WMATA construction is approaching; and

WHEREAS, some occupants will prefer to move into existing Public Housing Units rather than the new units being constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council desires if at all possible that those who elect to be relocated to the new units be moved only once; and

WHEREAS, WMATA has used a Critical Path Procedure to hold off the need for each unit as long as possible based upon the construction contract awards; and

WHEREAS, WMATA has agreed in its letter of March 8, 1976, to pay for necessary temporary housing which may be needed, and for related moving costs pursuant to the relocation provisions of Public Law 91-646; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and its Citizens cannot afford additional delays in the opening of WMATA service to the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Units 123-130 (8) have been requested by WMATA by December 1, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Units 114-122 (9) have been requested by WMATA by January 15, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Units 100-109 (10), and Units 74-82 (9) have been requested by WMATA by August 15, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Units 49-52 (4) have been requested by WMATA by September 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority wishes to give its tenants the choice of moving into existing Public Housing units or into new Public Housing units when they are available; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority desires to keep occupied as many of the existing forty units as possible until the new units are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Housing Authority be requested to make available to the Transit Authority the following units on or about the dates specified:

Units 123-130 - December 1, 1976

Units 114-122 - January 15, 1977

Units 100-109
and 74-82 - August 15, 1977

Units 49-52 - September 1, 1978

or such other dates as may be mutually agreed upon by WMATA and the Housing Authority based upon any revised WMATA construction schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Authority is urged to make these existing units available by relocating Tenants to existing, or new, public housing units. Where this is not possible, the Transit Authority, in addition to its normal relocation responsibilities, shall provide financial or other assistance to the Housing Authority in obtaining temporary, private housing, pursuant to Public Law 91-646, until the new units are available. This, however, will not preclude any option of a tenant to receive relocation payments under Public Law 91-646, which relate to permanent relocation into private housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any occupants who have moved or will move into the existing units after January 1, 1976, shall be advised by the Housing Authority that they may have to make more than one move before being permanently relocated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Authority is urged to move as expeditiously as possible to produce the forty (40) new replacement units and that the Department of Housing and Urban Development be urged to act with due dispatch as to all clearances necessary to produce these new units in a timely fashion.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Housing Authority and the Transit Authority are urged to carry out the intent of this resolution as soon as possible.

Adopted: March 23, 1976

Mrs. Helen Holleman, Clerk of the City of
Alexandria, Virginia