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## RESOLUTION CONCERNING ROUTE 1 PHASE 2 MULTI-MODAL ANALYSIS STUDY

The following is a resolution passed by the membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations on November 20, 2014, for sending to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

### Resolution

**WHEREAS:** The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit is currently undertaking the Phase 1 US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis Study which will be expected to result in a “preferred option” recommendation for mass transit along 15 miles of US Rt. 1. This study is due to be completed in January 2015.

**WHEREAS:** It is anticipated that the Phase 1 study preferred solution will be a metro compatible extension under-ground from Huntington Ave to Hybla Valley and from there Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to the Virginia Rail Express (VRE) Woodbridge station in Prince William County.

**WHEREAS:** Several previous studies regarding feasibility of mass transit have taken place over the past 25 years but none have been fully funded. This lack of funding has resulted in a waste of taxpayers’ dollars and continued traffic jams on a major roadway.

**WHEREAS:** The US Rt. 1 corridor, from the Woodbridge VRE station to the Interstate 95/495 beltway interchange is a heavily traveled Federal Highway acting both as a local artery and a throughway for traffic heading north and south across the region.

**WHEREAS:** Incorporating multi-modal transportation, including mass transit, vehicular lanes, and pedestrian and bike lanes into future development plans will enhance this corridor’s appeal. The benefits include:

- Environment: reduce health-harming emissions and fossil fuel usage;
- Transportation: reduce road traffic during peak travel times and weekend shopping which will in turn reduce the frustrations for both locals and transitory visitors;
- Public Safety: reduce auto and pedestrian accidents by offering sidewalks and bike lanes dedicated to non-motorized vehicles;
- Economic Development: bring higher quality of life and economic income to this area by encouraging Transit Oriented Development (TOD) near mass transit stations as shown by numerous studies. As developers and businesses congregate around TODs they increase jobs, businesses income and State and County tax revenue; and
- Improve Quality of Life: attract better shops, restaurants, housing, urban parks, etc. to TODs, which will result in increased opportunities for citizens of all economic status to meet and enjoy life.

**WHEREAS:** Federal funding is required to make mass transit a reality along the US Rt. 1 corridor from the Woodbridge VRE station to the I95/495 Beltway. This funding cannot be secured without the completion of the US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Phase 2 Analysis Study (engineering and environmental considerations).

## **Therefore**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations urges our State Legislators to fund the required \$4 million to conduct the Phase 2 Study for the US Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis.

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That Governor McAuliffe encourage the State Legislative body to fund the US Rt. 1 Phase 2 Multi-Modal Analysis Study.

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** The Federation urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to work closely with our State Legislators to make the Phase 2 funding a reality.