

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **State Highways - Route 404 Dualization - Legion Road to Double Hills Road**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to instruct the Secretary of the Department
4 of Transportation to allocate the remaining \$4,500,000 of the projected cost for
5 completion of the dualization of the 1-mile stretch of Route 404 from Legion
6 Road to Double Hills Road and completion of the related service roads.

7 WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski has secured for the dualization of
8 Route 404 \$3,000,000 in federal money which will be lost if State funds are not
9 obligated by September 30, 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, The obligation of State funds requires approval of construction
11 plans and identification of the matching State funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Goal 2 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "protect the
13 current investment in the State's transportation system before investing in system
14 expansion"; and

15 WHEREAS, Goal 9 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "secure
16 adequate resources to build, operate, and maintain a high quality transportation
17 system"; and

18 WHEREAS, Goal 4 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "design,
19 build, and operate facilities, services, and programs that reduce the rate of injury and
20 deaths" to those who use the State's transportation system; and

1 WHEREAS, An inordinate number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities continue
2 to occur along the 1-mile stretch of Route 404 from Legion Road to Double Hills Road;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, AAA Mid-Atlantic has designated the Route 404 dualization from
5 U.S. Route 50 to Delaware as one of their top 10 priorities for the 2002 General
6 Assembly Session; and

7 WHEREAS, Goal 6 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "provide
8 people with transportation choices for convenient, accessible, and effective mobility to
9 key destinations"; and

10 WHEREAS, Private citizens, local government, and legislators have pressed for
11 dualization for years; and

12 WHEREAS, Goal 7 of the 2002 Maryland Transportation Plan is to "enhance
13 transportation services and facilities used by business travelers, recreational
14 travelers, and tourists"; and

15 WHEREAS, 37% of the beach resort traffic currently uses Route 404, with
16 traffic counts consistently reaching 13,000 vehicles daily on weekends between the
17 months of May and September; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
19 General Assembly urges the Governor to direct the Secretary of the Department of
20 Transportation to allocate the remaining \$4,500,000 necessary for completion of the
21 dualization of the 1-mile stretch of Route 404 from Legion Road to Double Hills Road
22 and completion of the related service roads; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
24 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
25 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
26 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable
27 John D. Porcari, Secretary of the Department of Transportation; the Honorable
28 Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland; and each member of
29 the Maryland Congressional Delegation.