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RESOLUTION NO. _____

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Transportation - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority -**
 3 **~~Metrorail Red Line~~ - Expansion and Dedicated Bus Lanes - Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation to
 5 urge the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to conduct a certain
 6 study of the expansion of ~~Metrorail~~ the Metrorail red line to Olney in
 7 Montgomery County and the construction of a dedicated bus lane in a certain
 8 location in Montgomery County; and urging the Governor to direct the Secretary
 9 of Transportation to explore securing federal funds for the study of the
 10 expansion and for the expansion of the Metrorail red line and for the study of
 11 the construction and for the construction of a dedicated bus lane.

12 WHEREAS, Traffic congestion in the Greater Washington region, and especially
 13 in Montgomery County, is severe and has dramatically worsened in recent years; and

14 WHEREAS, Residents of the Greater Washington region have moved farther
 15 from Washington, D.C., including Olney, Maryland; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has indicated that periods
 17 marked by severely congested conditions on the Capital Beltway, with associated
 18 degradation to the air quality of the region, will expand from the current 5 hours per
 19 day to over 14 hours per day by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, Improved public transportation in the outer suburbs would
 21 significantly reduce traffic congestion by providing a convenient and reliable transit
 22 alternative for thousands of suburban commuters using the Capital Beltway; now,
 23 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
2 General Assembly urges the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation to urge the
3 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to study ~~the~~;

4 (1) The expansion of the Metrorail red line from the current Glenmont
5 station to Olney in Montgomery County, including the option of providing light rail
6 service to Olney, with at least one station at the intersection of Norbeck Road and
7 Route 97 (Georgia Avenue); and

8 (2) The construction of a dedicated bus lane in the median divider on
9 Route 97 (Georgia Avenue) to provide express bus service between the Glenmont
10 Metrorail station and Olney in Montgomery County; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Governor to direct the
12 Secretary of Transportation to explore securing federal funds for the study of the
13 expansion and for the expansion of the Metrorail red line and for the study of the
14 construction and for the construction of the dedicated bus lane on Route 97; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
17 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
18 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
19 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Honorable
20 Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary of Transportation.