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Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to study the desirability and feasibility of implementing the Northern Virginia Transportation Compact.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the business community in Northern Virginia and its more than one million employees are adversely affected by Northern Virginia's transportation problems; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia business community is actively engaged in seeking solutions to the region's transportation difficulties in order to improve the quality of life of its employees and foster the continued economic growth of the region; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Northern Virginia's planners accurately predicted Northern Virginia's population for the year 2000 and the mass transit programs and highway network that would be required to support that population; and

WHEREAS, while the population predictions were accurate and much of the planned mass transit infrastructure has been built, over 1,500 miles of planned highways and bridges have not been built; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia's residents are faced with ever-increasing traffic congestion, despite the region's being first in the nation in use of carpool and second in the nation in use of mass transit; and

WHEREAS Northern Virginia's transit problems have assumed crisis dimensions; and

WHEREAS, in response to this crisis, the Northern Virginia business community has created a list of options and proposals collectively known as the Northern Virginia Transportation Compact; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation be requested to study the desirability and feasibility of implementing the Northern Virginia Transportation Compact and recommend to the Governor and General Assembly such administrative and legislative actions as shall appear to be necessary or desirable.

The Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2002 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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