

INTRODUCED: January 11, 2016

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R001

To express the Council’s continued support for and endorsement of the extension of high speed rail from the Washington metropolitan area to the Richmond region and to encourage the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to focus the analysis of its “DC2RVA Tier II Environmental Impact Statement” on Main Street Station as the Council’s preferred site in the future study of all station locations in the Richmond region.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 11 2016 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation initiated a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the development of a high speed rail system between Washington, D.C., and the city of Richmond and other localities such as Ashland, Chesterfield County, Hanover County and Henrico County, also known as the “DC2RVA Tier II Environmental Impact Statement”; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in development process for the DC2RVA Environmental Impact Statement, on January 7, 2016, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization adopted a resolution supporting the extension of high speed rail for three

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alternatives in the Ashland and Hanover County area and eight alternatives in the Richmond, Chesterfield County and Henrico County area, only four of which named Main Street Station as a potential location for high speed rail in the city of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that Main Street Station is an ideal location for the development of high speed rail in the Richmond region, as such service at Main Street Station will offer significant economic opportunities, reduce traffic congestion along the I-95 corridor, save valuable commuting time, and improve air quality and the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of the City of Richmond, and that the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation should designate Main Street Station as its preferred destination within the high speed rail system in the Richmond region;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council continues to support and endorse the extension of high speed rail from the Washington metropolitan area to the Richmond region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council encourages the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to focus the analysis of its “DC2RVA Tier II Environmental Impact Statement” on Main Street Station as the Council’s preferred site in the future study of all station locations in the Richmond region.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

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Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

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DATE January 8, 2015

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TITLE: Resolution to Support Main Street Station as a Preferred Station for the High Speed Rail Project

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This is a request for the drafting of a/an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council Member Parker Agelasto

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Resolution to Support Main Street Station as a Preferred Station for the High Speed Rail Project

BACKGROUND

This Resolution is requested to express Council's continued support of the extension of the high speed rail from Union Station, located in Washington, D.C. to Main Street Station in Richmond, Virginia, statistical metropolitan area. It is to further encourage and highlight Council's preference that the Department of Rail and Transportation focus its DC2RVA Tier II study for Main Street Station as a preferred site in its planning and development of stations located in the City of Richmond area.

This Resolution is to endorse Council's continued support of High Speed Rail as a way of improving transportation and the quality of life for the residents of Richmond.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$	

Attachment/s Yes No

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