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RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, significant unmet transportation needs exist in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia local governments identified at least \$16.6 billion in unfunded transit and other transportation projects that are needed by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City and the region have gone to every recent General Assembly Session and asked for new sources of transportation revenues; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 General Assembly passed House Bill 3202, which sought to provide new funding for transportation in Northern Virginia and statewide; and

WHEREAS, elected officials on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVRTA) expressed "grave concerns with key aspects of the regional component of the measure as approved by the General Assembly"; and

WHEREAS, the NVRTA advised the Governor that this legislation was not workable and would not be implemented by the region; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed modifications to the bill in response to the concerns that Northern Virginia and other elected officials expressed to him; and

WHEREAS, these modifications will enable the region to move forward on some of the region's most-needed transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, and therefore of the Commonwealth, is at risk if we do not begin making critical investments allowed with this new revenue; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the General Assembly approve the Governor's proposed amendments to House Bill 3202 at its reconvened Session on April 4, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council express its gratitude to Governor Kaine for his responsiveness to the concerns of the City of Alexandria and other localities with regard to House Bill 3202; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council requests that its General Assembly delegation support the Governor's amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the City's General Assembly delegation, and the leadership of the General Assembly to apprise them of the City's position.

ADOPTED: March 27, 2007

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk