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House Joint Resolution 34 (Eastern Shore Delegation)
Ways and Means

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

This joint resolution urges the Governor to instruct the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (MDOT) to allocate the remaining \$4.5 million of the projected cost for completing the dualization of the one-mile segment of Route 404 between Legion Road and Double Hills Road, as well as improving related service roads.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this resolution could result in a \$4.5 million increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures over the course of the project. If the expenditures are allocated by September 30, 2002, the State will receive \$3 million in federal aid for the project.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: The proposed dualization project would upgrade Maryland Route 404 in Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Caroline counties to a four-lane divided highway with access controls from U.S. Route 50 to the Denton Bypass to improve safety and eliminate congestion caused by summer resort traffic. A re-evaluation of the project was added to

the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) in 2001 and \$391,000 was allocated in fiscal 2002 for planning work.

State Expenditures: Congress approved \$3 million in federal matching funds for this project; the State Highway Administration (SHA) advises that the State must obligate \$3.7 million of State funds by September 30, 2002 to be eligible to use the federal money. The total project is estimated to cost \$6.7 million and take two to three years to complete. SHA indicates that the Secretary is working to ensure that the necessary funds (\$3.7 million) are added to the CTP by September 30 to ensure the use of federal funds. It estimates that approximately 16%, or \$1.1 million, would be allocated for the remainder of fiscal 2003.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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