

sentiment against this highway being continued beyond the Beltway through Prince George's County to Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, Such a proposed extension will have an extremely damaging effect on Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, It has been indicated that consideration is being given to the complete destruction of extremely valuable parklands, green space and recreational areas which serves thousands of residents involved; and

WHEREAS, The continuation of I-95 will bring with it severe environmental damage involving air pollution, noise pollution, flood control problems and the like; and

WHEREAS, Many of the local governing officials have indicated their grave concern over the destruction I-95 will cause; and

WHEREAS, There may be substantial deterioration of values of homes while increasing the value of commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, The governing body of Washington, D. C., has indicated it is not contemplating the completion of the Northeast Freeway which would have been a connecting link to I-95 through Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Transportation of the United States has adopted the position of the City Council of Washington which eliminated this highway; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation has been advised not to proceed with I-95 construction in Prince George's County by the citizens' Steering Committee of the Western Prince George's Transportation Alternatives Study; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Secretary of Transportation has requested, and the Secretary of Transportation of the United States has approved the deletion of the I-95 project in Prince George's County from the Federal Interstate Highway System; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 211S be and it is hereby added to Article 89B - State Roads, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 89B - State Roads

211S.

[[(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY NOT EXPEND ANY FURTHER FUNDS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE