

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2013-12

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATE LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FROM EXPENDING FUNDS FOR THE ADDITION OF A NEW LANE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC TO MARYLAND ROUTE 410 IN THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

WHEREAS, Maryland Route 410 ("MD 410") through the City of Takoma Park traverses a densely populated residential area of the City; and

WHEREAS, MD 410 traverses the Takoma Park Historic District and historic residential and commercial properties front on MD 410; and

WHEREAS, the addition of another lane for motor vehicle traffic to MD 410 in the City would have an adverse effect on the safety and well-being of the residents and visitors to Takoma Park and would harm the character of the neighborhoods and commercial district abutting the roadway and the historic properties and district along the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City is opposed to the addition of another lane for motor vehicle traffic to MD 410 in the City; and

WHEREAS, SHA and the City have conducted lengthy negotiations regarding the future maintenance and control of MD 410 through the City, during which the City has requested a binding commitment from SHA that it will not widen MD 410 in the City to accommodate additional lanes for motor vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, although SHA has expressed to the City that it has no plans to add another lane for motor vehicle traffic to MD 410 in the City, SHA is unable to make such a binding commitment; and

WHEREAS, the City and SHA have nonetheless entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding maintenance and control of MD 410 in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has determined that legislation by the General Assembly prohibiting the Department of Transportation from spending funds to add an additional through lane for motor vehicle traffic would be the most effective and efficient method of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Takoma Park and preserving the character of the community and Takoma Park Historic District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Maryland General Assembly should enact a bill amending Section 8-601 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code to add subsection (b)(3), providing as follows:

The Department may not spend any further funds for the construction of MD Route 410 through the City of Takoma Park in Montgomery County that will involve the addition of a new through lane for motor vehicles.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013 by roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Williams, Daniels-Cohen, Grimes, Male, Schultz, Seamens, Smith
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk