

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2017-51**

**Opposition to a New Potomac River Bridge Crossing and Highway Corridor**

- WHEREAS, on July 19, 2017, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) voted to approve further study of an Additional Northern Bridge Crossing/Corridor project, as recommended by the TPB's Long-Range Plan Task Force; and
- WHEREAS, the Additional Northern Bridge Crossing/Corridor project would consist of a new northern bridge crossing of the Potomac River as part of a multimodal roadway corridor extended from Virginia Route 28 into Montgomery County to connect to the Intercounty Connector (ICC); and
- WHEREAS, Montgomery County and the State of Maryland have consistently and repeatedly opposed construction of a "second crossing" of the Potomac River into Montgomery County; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park favors transit over the building of new roadways as environmentally preferable and more beneficial for existing inner-Beltway jurisdictions; and
- WHEREAS, construction of a Northern Bridge Crossing/Corridor would drain limited regional financial resources from improving Metro, expanding bus service, and maintenance of existing roads and bridges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Takoma Park endorses the position taken by the Montgomery County Council in Resolution No. 18-870, opposing further study of the Additional Northern Bridge Crossing/Corridor project and urging the Transportation Planning Board to reject inserting a new Potomac River bridge crossing into its long-range transportation plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City's representative on the Transportation Planning Board will follow the position stated in this resolution.

**Adopted this 18th day of October, 2017.**

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter  
City Clerk