



## TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT SMART FIXES FOR I-66

At the Virginia General Assembly, the battle over expanding I-66 continues. Some Northern Virginia legislators want to block current plans for I-66 inside and outside the Beltway.

The current toll, HOV, and transit solution that legislators are trying to block includes provisions for limited widening from the Dulles Toll Road to Ballston. It will move 40,000 more people faster and more reliably than will widening. It will also provide funding for commuter buses, 8-car trains for Metro, and fund the limited widening.



Since our last action alert, the legislature has dropped or combined some of the bad bills to force widening, but three House bills to force widening inside the Beltway are still alive:

**Inside the Beltway**, the current plan for tolling is a much more effective solution than widening. It benefits far more people: moving 40,000 more people each day, faster and more reliably than today's congested conditions. Studies and modeling have shown the combination of tolling, carpools, and transit, with limited widening from the Dulles Toll Road to Ballston, works better than just widening. Funding from the tolls will go to more commuter buses, potentially to Metro 8-car trains, and to fund the limited widening a few years down the road if the tolls, HOV and buses don't do the trick.

The bills that would block these plans are **HB 1** - LeMunyon (note that **HB 631** - J. Bell and **HB 916** - Bulova are being rolled into HB 1), **SB 234** - Petersen, and **SB 516** - McPike.

**Outside the Beltway**, honestly, we don't love the current I-66 plan. We would still like to see a "transit and land use first" approach over the current HOT lanes plan. But three bills would be even worse than the current HOT lanes plan.

*Update: The legislature has now dropped the three bills originally introduced to block the HOT plans (**HB 841** - Webert, **SB 405** - Vogel, and **SB 516** - McPike).*

Meanwhile, the **toll bills in the Senate** for both inside and outside the Beltway (**SB 234** - Petersen and **SB 516** - McPike) have been rolled into **SB 295**, but the text is locked in negotiations between the Administration and the Senators.

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