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APPENDIX B
I-66 Chronology

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- 1959** — I-66, from I-81 to DC, included on National Interstate Map
- 1967** — State agrees to delay construction while Metro line in the median is planned
- 1970** — Arlington citizens file lawsuit to block construction, district court dismisses
- 1972** — US Circuit Court in Richmond bars construction until Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared and hearings held
- 1974** — Final EIS submitted, proposes 8-lane highway (July)
 - Modified design (6-lanes) submitted (November) – disapproved in 1975
- 1977** — “Coleman Decision” approves the EIS for construction (June)
 - 4 lanes + transit & High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) 4 instead of 8 lanes; also, no trucks
- 1982** — Roadway completed between Beltway and Roosevelt Bridge
- 1983** — Public Law (PL) 98-205 lowers HOV requirement to 3 for one-year trial period
- 1984** — Dulles Connector opens linking I-66 with Dulles Airport Access Road
- 1986** — Metro’s Orange Line opens to Vienna
- 1992** — Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approves resolution permitting motorcycles to use I-66 (September)
- 1994** — Section 346 of 1995 Department of Transportation (DOT) Appropriations Act permits HOV 2 for one-year trial period
- 1999** — Section 361 of 1999 DOT Appropriations Act (PL 105-277) affects “Decision”
 - gives Virginia exclusive authority to determine HOV restrictions
 - use of Dulles Connector by vehicles going to / from Airport not affected
 - Arlington (Mr. Ferguson) asks Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to study additional westbound access points
 - Congressman Wolf recommends westbound widening (3 lanes) from Spout Run Pkwy
 - Governor Gilmore announces plan to widen in both directions
- 2001** — Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 411, calling for study of widening I-66, passed by 2001 General Assembly
 - Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) adopts resolution identifying specific elements for study scope (March)
 - Transportation Planning Board (TPB) adds study (to be a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)) to FY02 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) conformity input (April)
 - TPB amends the DEIS into the FY01 TIP to expedite study initiation (October)
- 2003** — Study deleted from VDOT 6Year Plan and from TPB TIP
 - Congressmen Davis & Wolf ask state to make improvements (June)
 - Gov. Warner letter to Congressmen about initiating new study (September)
- 2004** — Federal earmark for I-66 study allocated by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (April)
 - TIP amendment for study submitted to TPB and discussed at Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (May)
 - Commissioner Shucet writes to Congressmen outlining study timeline (May)