

Federal grant could lead to extension of I-95 express lanes to U.S. 17

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The state announced Thursday that it will be going after \$1.5 billion in federal funding that could have a major impact for drivers who use the Interstate 95 express lanes.

If the state gets the funding, it would use the money for projects on the I-95 corridor in Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg, including the extension of the express lanes from the Garrisonville area to the U.S. 17 interchange in Stafford, according to an email sent to area elected officials from Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Administrator Paul Agnello.

If the express lanes extension funding is secured, the proposed fourth-lane project at the Courthouse Road interchange would not be pursued.

The announcement was made during the state's "kick off" meeting in Fairfax on the planned extension of the Interstate 395 express lanes.