

2020 General Assembly Session - Summary of HRTPO-Related Bills and Budget Amendments
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Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
HB364	Statewide prioritization process; project selection. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process known as SMART SCALE, to evaluate (i) congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays, and (ii) accessibility on the basis of the area of influence of a project for a radius of 55 miles.	Cole	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB429	Free use of toll facilities; teachers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. Authorizes any teacher employed by a public school district, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel to use all toll bridges, toll ferries, toll tunnels, and toll roads in the Commonwealth without the payment of toll while traveling between his place of residence and his place of employment.	Scott	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB465	Local regulation of certain transportation companies. Extends from January 1, 2020, to October 1, 2020, the prohibition on offering motorized skateboards or scooters, bicycles, or electric power-assisted bicycles for hire in any locality that has not enacted any licensing ordinance, regulation, or other action regulating such business. The bill clarifies that localities are authorized to create or amend such ordinances, regulations, or actions even after any such business is operating in the locality and exercise authority otherwise authorized by law. The bill contains an emergency clause.	Keam	1/15/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: TransportationInnovations and General Topics
HB523	Dulles Greenway. Amends the powers and responsibilities of the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to regulate toll road operators under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988. The bill adds requirements that toll rates not materially discourage the public's use of the toll road, that the cost of operating the toll road be reasonably apportioned across all toll road users based on the relative distance each class of user travels on the toll road, such that the toll rates are established in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner in relation to the benefit obtained, and that toll rates shall provide the operator with no more than a reasonable return.	Subramanyam	1/5/20: House - Referred to Labor and Commerce
HB561	Statewide prioritization process; primary evacuation routes. Adds primary evacuation routes to the factors that must be considered by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in the statewide prioritization process, commonly known as SMART SCALE.	Brewer	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB620	Statewide prioritization process; project selection. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process known as SMART SCALE, to evaluate (i) congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays, and (ii) accessibility on the basis of the area of influence of a project for a radius of 55 miles.	Cole	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB642	Transportation funding; statewide prioritization process. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when administering SMART SCALE, to ensure that projects are evaluated for district grant program funds and high-priority funds separately, and that the projects selected in one program do not impact the other program. The bill requires the Board to weight congestion mitigation at at least 55 percent in the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads highway construction districts. The bill requires that projects eligible for district grant program funds receive a district-specific score and an overall score.	LaRock	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB774	Commonwealth Transportation Board; revenue-sharing funds. Increases the maximum matching allocation that the Commonwealth Transportation Board may make to a locality from \$5 million to \$10 million and increases the portion of such funds that such locality may use for the maintenance of highway systems from \$2.5 million to \$5 million.	LaRock	1/7/20: House - Referred to Finance

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HB886	State Trails Advisory Committee; sunset. Extends from January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2027, the sunset of the State Trails Advisory Committee. The committee assists the Commonwealth in developing and implementing a statewide system of attractive, sustainable, connected, and enduring trails for the perpetual use and enjoyment of the citizens of the Commonwealth and future generations.	Plum	1/7/20: House - Referred to Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
HB970	Use of transportation funds. States that it is the policy of the Commonwealth that revenues dedicated to transportation purposes shall not be used or redirected for any non-transportation purpose. Any attempt to repurpose funds dedicated to transportation as of July 1, 2019 shall be deemed invalid and shall not be effectuated.	LaRock	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB1217	Department of Transportation; at-risk infrastructure; report. Directs the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency, to (i) identify public transportation infrastructure at risk of flooding or deterioration due to flooding in Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, and Lynchburg; (ii) develop recommendations for managing such assets; and (iii) report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation the 2021 General Assembly.	Tran	1/15/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB1243	Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002; affected local jurisdictions and public entities; consideration of economic impact. Requires a private entity requesting approval to develop and operate a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 or a qualifying project under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 to include an economic impact analysis identifying any potentially adverse economic or revenue impacts a potential comprehensive agreement may have on all affected local jurisdictions. The bill further provides that affected local jurisdictions be given reasonable opportunity to consult with the parties concerning the nature and scope of the impacts and regarding measures that may be taken to avoid or mitigate the impacts or make the agreement revenue-neutral. The bill directs each responsible public entity to certify compliance with the review of the economic impact analysis provisions.	Heretick	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB1389	Use of transportation funds in the Commonwealth. Requires affirmative authorization by the General Assembly in an appropriation act for any funds in the Commonwealth, including local and regional funds and toll revenues, to be used for a transportation project physically located outside of the Commonwealth.	LaRock	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB1414	Transportation. Amends numerous law related to transportation funds, revenue sources, construction, and safety programs. Most transportation revenues are directed to a new Commonwealth Transportation Fund and the existing Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. Funds are then disbursed, based on codified formulas, to subfunds established to meet the varying transportation needs of different modes of transportation. The bill contains transitional provisions phasing in the new funding structure over a period of four years. The existing gas tax based on a percentage of the wholesale price of gasoline and diesel fuel is converted to a cents-per-gallon tax. A rate of \$0.282 per gallon of gasoline will be phased in over three years, and then indexed every year thereafter. The regional gas tax will be converted to a rate of \$0.076 per gallon of gasoline.	Filler-Corn	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Motor Vehicles
HB1438	Hampton Roads Express Lanes Bond Act of 2020. Authorizes the issuance of bonds pursuant to Article X, Section 9 (c) of the Constitution of Virginia in an amount up to \$1.1 billion plus financing costs to fund transportation improvements in the Hampton Roads region.	Jones	1/14/20: House - Assigned App. Sub: Transportation and Public Safety

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HB1518	Compensation of counties for certain construction and improvement of primary and secondary highways. Allows the Department of Transportation to pay a locality up-front for eligible expenses related to certain transportation projects administered by the locality, instead of being reimbursed after completion of the project. The bill also removes language related to an obsolete funding formula.	McQuinn	1/14/20:House - Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Systems
HB1571	Department of Transportation; Elizabeth River Crossings. Directs the Virginia Department of Transportation to terminate the contract with Elizabeth River Crossings related to the Downtown and Midtown Tunnels across the Elizabeth River for cause due to the defective tube in the Midtown Tunnel or, if unable to terminate for cause, for convenience.	Scott	1/14/20:House - Referred to Transportation
HJ55	Study; Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Commonwealth Corridor passenger rail service; report. Requests the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study the feasibility of an east-west Commonwealth Corridor passenger rail service connecting Hampton Roads, Richmond, and the New River Valley.	Rasoul	1/6/20: House - Referred to Rules
HJ58	Transportation agreements. Recognizes that public-private transportation partnership agreements that contain provisions prohibiting or frustrating the construction of non-tolled transportation facilities as alternatives to tolled facilities through economic disincentives are against public policy.	Heretick	1/6/20: House - Referred to Rules
HJ101	Study; JLARC; reduction or elimination of tolls on Midtown and Downtown Tunnels in Hampton Roads; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the feasibility of reducing or eliminating tolls on the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels in Hampton Roads.	Heretick	1/8/20: House - Referred to Rules
HJ107	Study; JLARC; transportation systems and transportation funding. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, in conjunction with the Virginia Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, to study the state of the transportation systems and transportation funding in the Commonwealth.	Austin	1/8/20: House - Referred to Rules
HJ128	Study; Department of Rail and Public Transportation; commuter rail system in the Commonwealth; report. Requests the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study and develop best practices for constructing, operating, and maintaining commuter rail systems in the Commonwealth.	Roem	1/8/20: House - Referred to Rules
SB332	Allocation of remote sales tax collections; Transportation Trust Fund. Allocates sales tax revenues collected from remote sellers, pursuant to Chapters 815 and 816 of the Acts of Assembly of 2019, to the Transportation Trust Fund to be used for the maintenance and repair of existing highways.	Stuart	1/6/20: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations
SB452	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain counties and cities. Imposes an additional 2.1 percent wholesale gas tax to any county or city outside of the Northern Virginia or Hampton Roads regions or the Interstate 81 Corridor, where such a tax is already imposed. The revenues will be returned to the transportation district in which the revenues are generated via the construction district grant program.	Edwards	1/7/20: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations
SB453	Transportation revenues. Directs the Secretary of Transportation to evaluate (i) the impact of increased fuel efficiency and increased use of hybrid and electric vehicles on transportation revenues and (ii) potential options to provide a sustainable funding stream for transportation infrastructure, and report to the General Assembly no later than December 10, 2020.	Edwards	1/7/20: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations

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SB890	Transportation. Amends numerous law related to transportation funds, revenue sources, construction, and safety programs. Most transportation revenues are directed to a new Commonwealth Transportation Fund and the existing Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. The existing gas tax based on a percentage of the wholesale price of gasoline and diesel fuel is converted to a cents-per-gallon tax. A rate of \$0.282 per gallon of gasoline will be phased in over three years, and then indexed every year thereafter. The regional gas tax will be converted to a rate of \$0.076 per gallon of gasoline.	Saslaw	1/8/20: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations
SJ50	Study; Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Commonwealth Corridor passenger rail service; report. Requests the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study the feasibility of an east-west Commonwealth Corridor passenger rail service connecting Hampton Roads, Richmond, and the New River Valley.	McClellan	1/7/20: Senate - Referred to Rules