

## **AGENDA ITEM #20: 2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION: STATUS REPORT**

After its 60 day session, the General Assembly adjourned on March 8, 2014, passing a series of transportation related measures, most notably:

- **Statewide Prioritization Process for Project Selection (HB2)**
  - Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board and VDOT to prioritize transportation projects based on their ability *“to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state’s transportation system.”*
  - Requires that the *“prioritization process shall be based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers, at a minimum, the following factors relative to the cost of the project or strategy: congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality”*.
  
- **Creation of the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HB1253/SB513)**
  - Creates a transportation financial planning entity in Hampton Roads with the oversight responsibility for advancing transportation projects funded by the proceeds of HB2313
  - Ability to issue bonds and set toll rates
  - Primarily composed of Chief Local Elected Officers and General Assembly members

Attached is the text of the above bills, plus a summary of the status of transportation related bills as of March 10, 2014.

Attachment 20

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1.1 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-23.5:5, relating to prioritization of projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:  
1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1.1 of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 a section numbered 33.1-23.5:5 as follows:

§ 33.1-23.5:5. *Statewide prioritization process for project selection.*

A. *The General Assembly declares it to be in the public interest that a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board be developed and implemented to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's transportation system, transportation safety, transportation accessibility for people and freight, environmental quality, and economic development in the Commonwealth.*

B. *Subject to the limitations in subsection C, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall develop, in accordance with federal transportation requirements, and in cooperation with metropolitan planning organizations wholly within the Commonwealth and with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, a statewide prioritization process for the use of funds allocated pursuant to § 33.1-23.1 or apportioned pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 104. Such prioritization process shall be used for the development of the Six-Year Improvement Program pursuant to § 33.1-12 and shall consider, at a minimum, highway, transit, rail, roadway, technology operational improvements, and transportation demand management strategies.*

1. *The prioritization process shall be based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers, at a minimum, the following factors relative to the cost of the project or strategy: congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality.*

2. *Prior to the analysis in subdivision 1, candidate projects and strategies shall be screened by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to determine whether they are consistent with the assessment of capacity needs for all for corridors of statewide significance, regional networks, and improvements to promote urban development areas established pursuant to § 15.2-2223.1, undertaken in the Statewide Transportation Plan in accordance with § 33.1-23.03.*

3. *The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall weight the factors used in subdivision 1 for each of the state's highway construction districts. The Commonwealth Transportation Board may assign different weights to the factors, within each highway construction district, based on the unique needs and qualities of each highway construction district.*

4. *The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall solicit input from localities, metropolitan planning organizations, transit authorities, transportation authorities, and other stakeholders in its development of the prioritization process pursuant to this section. Further, the Board shall explicitly consider input provided by an applicable metropolitan planning organization or the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority when developing the weighting of factors pursuant to subdivision 3 for a metropolitan planning area with a population over 200,000 individuals.*

C. *The prioritization process developed under subsection B shall not apply to the following: projects or activities undertaken pursuant to § 33.1-23.02; projects funded by the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds apportioned to the state pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 104(b)(4) and state matching funds; projects funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program funds apportioned to the state pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 104(b)(3) and state matching funds; projects funded by the Transportation Alternatives funds set-aside pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 213 and state matching funds; projects funded pursuant to subdivisions B 2 and 3 of § 33.1-23.1; projects funded by the revenue-sharing program pursuant to § 33.1-23.05; and projects funded by federal programs established by the federal government after June 30, 2014, with specific rules that restrict the types of projects that may be funded, excluding restrictions on the location of projects with regard to highway functional classification. The Commonwealth Transportation Board may, at its discretion, develop a prioritization process for any of the funds covered by this subsection, subject to planning and funding requirements of federal law. However, the Board shall defer to individual local governments for projects funded pursuant to subdivisions B 2 and 3 of § 33.1-23.1.*

D. *The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall make public, in an accessible format, the results*

57 *of the screening and analysis of candidate projects and strategies under subsection B, including the*  
58 *weighting of factors, in a timely fashion.*

59 **2. That the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall select projects for funding pursuant to the**  
60 **provisions of this act beginning July 1, 2016.**

61 **3. That, at the discretion of the Board, a project fully funded in the Six-Year Improvement**  
62 **Program that has completed the state environmental review process or the review process required**  
63 **by the National Environmental Policy Act may be exempt from the provisions of this act.**

64 **4. That the prioritization process developed pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:5 of the Code of Virginia, as**  
65 **created by this act, shall not apply to funds allocated to the Northern Virginia Transportation**  
66 **Authority Fund established pursuant to § 15.2-4838.01 of the Code of Virginia, the Hampton**  
67 **Roads Transportation Fund established pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:4 of the Code of Virginia, or**  
68 **federal funds subject to 23 U.S.C. 133(d)(1)(A)(i).**

69 **5. That the Commonwealth Transportation Board in implementing § 33.1-23.5:5 as created by this**  
70 **act shall comply with the allocation of funds pursuant to § 33.1-23.1.**

71 **6. That, for Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads highway construction districts, the**  
72 **Commonwealth Transportation Board, pursuant to subdivision B 3 of § 33.1-23.5:5 as created by**  
73 **this act, shall ensure that congestion mitigation, consistent with § 33.1-13.03:1 of the Code of**  
74 **Virginia, is weighted highest among the factors in the prioritization process. For metropolitan**  
75 **planning areas with a population over 200,000, the prioritization process shall also include a factor**  
76 **based on the quantifiable and achievable goals pursuant to subsection B of § 33.1-23.03 of the**  
77 **Code of Virginia.**

78 **7. That notwithstanding § 33.1-23.5:5 as created by this act, the Commonwealth Transportation**  
79 **Board shall ensure that no project shall be undertaken primarily for economic development**  
80 **purposes.**

81 **8. That if any portion of this act shall be adjudged unconstitutional in any court of competent**  
82 **jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this act shall remain in effect.**

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.5:4 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*  
 3 *by adding in Title 33.1 a chapter numbered 19, consisting of sections numbered 33.1-466 through*  
 4 *33.1-476, relating to establishment of the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission;*  
 5 *funding.*

6 [H 1253]

7 Approved

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That § 33.1-23.5:4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**  
 10 **Virginia is amended by adding in Title 33.1 a chapter numbered 19, consisting of sections**  
 11 **numbered 33.1-466 through 33.1-476, as follows:**

12 **§ 33.1-23.5:4. Hampton Roads Transportation Fund established.**

13 There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for Planning District 23 to  
 14 be known as the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund, hereafter referred to *in this section* as "the Fund."  
 15 The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenues dedicated to the Fund  
 16 pursuant to § 58.1-638 and Chapter 22.1 (§ 58.1-2291 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall be paid into the state  
 17 treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and  
 18 be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal  
 19 year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. The moneys deposited in the ~~fund~~  
 20 *Fund* shall be used solely for new construction projects on new or existing ~~roads~~ *highways*, bridges, and  
 21 tunnels in the localities comprising Planning District 23 as approved by the Hampton Roads  
 22 ~~Transportation Planning Organization Accountability Commission~~. The Hampton Roads Transportation  
 23 ~~Planning Organization Accountability Commission~~ shall give priority to those projects that are expected  
 24 to provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion *for the greatest number of citizens residing within*  
 25 *Planning District 23* and shall ensure that the moneys shall be used for such construction projects ~~in all~~  
 26 ~~localities comprising Planning District 23~~.

27 The amounts dedicated to the Fund shall be deposited monthly by the Comptroller into the Fund.  
 28 The amounts deposited into the Fund and the distribution and expenditure of such amounts shall not be  
 29 used to calculate or reduce the share of local, federal, or state revenues otherwise available to  
 30 participating jurisdictions. Further, such revenues and moneys shall not be included in any computation  
 31 of, or formula for, a locality's ability to pay for public education, upon which appropriations of state  
 32 revenues to local governments for public education are determined.

33 **CHAPTER 19.**34 **HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION.**35 **§ 33.1-466. Commission created.**

36 *The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, referred to in this chapter as "the*  
 37 *Commission," is hereby created as a body politic and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth.*  
 38 *The Commission shall embrace each county and city located in Planning District 23, which is*  
 39 *established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2.*

40 **§ 33.1-467. Composition of Commission.**41 *The Commission shall consist of 23 members as follows:*

42 *1. The chief elected officer of the governing body of each of the 14 counties and cities embraced by*  
 43 *the Commission;*  
 44 *2. Three members of the House of Delegates who reside in different counties or cities embraced by*  
 45 *the Commission, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate who reside in*  
 46 *different counties or cities embraced by the Commission, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules;*  
 47 *and*

48 *3. The following four persons serving as nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission: a member*  
 49 *of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a locality embraced by the Commission and*  
 50 *is appointed by the Governor; the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his*  
 51 *designee; the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee; and the Executive Director of the Virginia*  
 52 *Port Authority, or his designee.*

53 *All members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies*  
 54 *shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.*

55 *The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its voting membership.*

56 *The Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representatives, shall annually audit the*

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57 *financial accounts of the Commission, and the cost of such audit shall be borne by the Commission.*

58 **§ 33.1-468. Staff.**

59 *The Commission may employ a chief executive officer and such staff as it shall determine to be*  
 60 *necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this chapter. No such person shall*  
 61 *contemporaneously serve as a member of the Commission. The Department of Transportation and the*  
 62 *Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall make their employees available to assist the*  
 63 *Commission, upon request.*

64 **§ 33.1-469. Decisions of Commission.**

65 *A majority of the Commission, which majority shall include at least a majority of the chief elected*  
 66 *officers of the counties and cities embraced by the Commission, shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of*  
 67 *the Commission shall require a quorum and shall be in accordance with voting procedures established*  
 68 *by the Commission. In all cases, decisions of the Commission shall require the affirmative vote of*  
 69 *two-thirds of the members of the Commission present and voting, and two-thirds of the chief elected*  
 70 *officers of the counties and cities embraced by Planning District 23 who are present and voting and*  
 71 *whose counties and cities include at least two-thirds of the population embraced by the Commission;*  
 72 *however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if*  
 73 *such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county*  
 74 *or city whose chief elected officer's sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the*  
 75 *population criterion. The population of counties and cities embraced by the Commission shall be the*  
 76 *population as determined by the most recently preceding decennial census, except that on July 1 of the*  
 77 *fifth year following such census, the population of each county and city shall be adjusted, based on*  
 78 *population projections made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of*  
 79 *Virginia.*

80 **§ 33.1-470. Annual budget and allocation of expenses.**

81 *A. The Commission shall adopt an annual budget and develop a funding plan and shall provide for*  
 82 *such adoption in its bylaws. The funding plan shall provide for the expenditure of funds over a four- to*  
 83 *six-year period and shall align with the Statewide Transportation Plan established pursuant to*  
 84 *§ 33.1-23.03 as much as possible. The Commission shall solicit public comment on its budget and*  
 85 *funding plan by posting a summary of such budget and funding plan on its website and holding a public*  
 86 *hearing. Such public hearing shall be advertised on the Commission's website and in a newspaper of*  
 87 *general circulation in Planning District 23.*

88 *B. The administrative expenses of the Commission, as provided in an annual budget adopted by the*  
 89 *Commission, to the extent funds for such expenses are not provided from other sources, shall be*  
 90 *allocated among the component counties and cities on the basis of the relative population, as*  
 91 *determined pursuant to § 33.1-469. Such budget shall be limited solely to the administrative expenses of*  
 92 *the Commission and shall not include any funds for construction or acquisition of transportation*  
 93 *facilities or the performance of any transportation service.*

94 *C. Members may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses provided in §§ 2.2-2813*  
 95 *and 2.2-2825, if approved by the Commission. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of*  
 96 *the members shall be provided by the Commission.*

97 **§ 33.1-471. Authority to issue bonds.**

98 *The Commission may issue bonds and other evidences of debt as may be authorized by this section*  
 99 *or other law. The provisions of Article 5 (§ 15.2-4519 et seq.) of Chapter 45 of Title 15.2 shall apply,*  
 100 *mutatis mutandis, to the issuance of such bonds or other debt. The Commission may issue bonds or*  
 101 *other debt in such amounts as it deems appropriate. The bonds may be supported by any funds*  
 102 *available, except that funds from tolls collected pursuant to § 33.1-472 shall be used only as provided in*  
 103 *that section.*

104 **§ 33.1-472. Powers of the Commission.**

105 *Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title and in accordance with all applicable federal*  
 106 *statutes and requirements, the Commission shall control and operate and may impose and collect tolls*  
 107 *in amounts established by the Commission for the use of any new or improved highway, bridge, or*  
 108 *tunnel, to increase capacity on such facility or to address congestion within Planning District 23,*  
 109 *constructed by the Commission (i) with federal, state, or local funds, (ii) solely with revenues of the*  
 110 *Commission, or (iii) with revenues under the control of the Commission. The amount of any such toll*  
 111 *may be varied from facility to facility, by lane, by congestion levels, by day of the week, by time of day,*  
 112 *by type or size of vehicle, by number of axles, or by any similar combination thereof or any other factor*  
 113 *the Commission may deem proper, and a reduced rate may be established for commuters as defined by*  
 114 *the Commission. All such tolls shall be used for programs and projects that are reasonably related to or*  
 115 *benefit the users of the new or improved highway, bridge, or tunnel, including, but not limited to, for*  
 116 *the debt service and other costs of bonds whose proceeds are used for construction or improvement of*  
 117 *such highway, bridge, or tunnel.*

118 Any tolls imposed by the Commission shall be collected by an electronic toll system that, to the  
119 extent possible, shall not impede the traffic flow of the facility or prohibit a toll facility from retaining  
120 means of nonautomated toll collection in some lanes of the facility. For all facilities tolled by the  
121 Commission, there shall be signs erected prior to the point of toll collection that clearly state how the  
122 majority of the toll revenue is being spent by the Commission to benefit the users of the facility.

123 **§ 33.1-473. Additional powers of the Commission.**

124 A. The Commission shall have the following powers together with all powers incidental thereto or  
125 necessary for the performance of those hereinafter stated:

126 1. To sue and be sued and to prosecute and defend, at law or in equity, in any court having  
127 jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties;

128 2. To adopt and use a corporate seal and to alter the same at its pleasure;

129 3. To procure insurance, participate in insurance plans, and provide self-insurance; however, the  
130 purchase of insurance, participation in an insurance plan, or the creation of a self-insurance plan by  
131 the Commission shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign immunity to which the  
132 Commission or its officers, directors, employees, or agents are otherwise entitled;

133 4. To establish bylaws and make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
134 chapter, deemed expedient for the management of the Commission's affairs;

135 5. To apply for and accept money, materials, contributions, grants, or other financial assistance from  
136 the United States and agencies or instrumentalities thereof; the Commonwealth; and any political  
137 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Commonwealth; and from any legitimate private source;

138 6. To acquire real and personal property or any interest therein by purchase, lease, gift, or  
139 otherwise for purposes consistent with this chapter and to hold, encumber, sell, or otherwise dispose of  
140 such land or interest for purposes consistent with this chapter;

141 7. To acquire by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise, highways, bridges, or tunnels and to  
142 construct the same by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise;

143 8. In consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board and with each city or county in  
144 which the facility or any part thereof is or is to be located, to repair, expand, enlarge, construct,  
145 reconstruct, or renovate any or all highways, bridges, and tunnels within Planning District 23 and to  
146 acquire any real or personal property needed for any such purpose;

147 9. To enter into agreements or leases with public or private entities for the operation and  
148 maintenance of bridges, tunnels, transit and rail facilities, and highways;

149 10. To make and execute contracts, deeds, mortgages, leases, and all other instruments and  
150 agreements necessary or convenient for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and  
151 functions under this chapter;

152 11. To the extent funds are made or become available to the Commission to do so, to employ  
153 employees, agents, advisors, and consultants, including without limitation attorneys, financial advisers,  
154 engineers, and other technical advisers and, the provisions of any other law to the contrary  
155 notwithstanding, to determine their duties and compensation; and

156 12. To the extent not inconsistent with the other provisions of this chapter, and without limiting or  
157 restricting the powers otherwise given the Commission, to exercise all of the powers given to  
158 transportation district commissions by § 15.2-4518.

159 B. The Commission shall comply with the provisions governing localities contained in  
160 § 15.2-2108.23.

161 **§ 33.1-474. Commission a responsible public entity under Public-Private Transportation Act of**  
162 **1995.**

163 The Commission is a responsible public entity as defined in § 56-557 and shall be regulated in  
164 accordance with the terms of the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.) and  
165 regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

166 **§ 33.1-475. Continuing responsibilities of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the**  
167 **Department of Transportation.**

168 Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this chapter, until such time as the Commission and the  
169 Department of Transportation, or the Commission and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, agree  
170 otherwise in writing, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate funding to and the  
171 Department of Transportation shall perform or cause to be performed all maintenance and operation of  
172 the bridges, tunnels, and roadways and shall perform such other required services and activities with  
173 respect to such bridges, tunnels, and roadways as were being performed on July 1, 2014.

174 **§ 33.1-476. Use of revenues by the Commission.**

175 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all moneys received by the Commission shall be  
176 used by the Commission solely for the benefit of those counties and cities that are embraced by the  
177 Commission, and such moneys shall be used by the Commission in a manner that is consistent with the  
178 purposes stated in this chapter.

179 2. That the staff of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and the  
180 Department of Transportation shall work cooperatively to assist the proper formation and effective  
181 organization of the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. Until such time as  
182 the Commission is fully established and functioning, the staff of the Hampton Roads  
183 Transportation Planning Organization shall serve as its staff, and the Hampton Roads  
184 Transportation Planning Organization shall provide the Commission with office space and  
185 administrative support. The Commission shall reimburse the Hampton Roads Transportation  
186 Planning Organization for the cost of such staff, office space, and administrative support as  
187 appropriate.

188 3. That should any portion of this act be held unconstitutional by a court of competent  
189 jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this act shall remain in effect.

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Approved

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There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for Planning District 23 to be known as the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund, hereafter referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenues dedicated to the Fund pursuant to § 58.1-638 and Chapter 22.1 (§ 58.1-2291 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. The moneys deposited in the fund shall be used solely for new construction projects on new or existing roads highways, bridges, and tunnels in the localities comprising Planning District 23 as approved by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Accountability Commission. The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Accountability Commission shall give priority to those projects that are expected to provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion for the greatest number of citizens residing within Planning District 23 and shall ensure that the moneys shall be used for such construction projects in all localities comprising Planning District 23.

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CHAPTER 19.

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3. The following four persons serving as nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission: a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a locality embraced by the Commission and is appointed by the Governor; the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his designee; the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee; and the Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority, or his designee.

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58 **§ 33.1-468. Staff.**

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 69 *two-thirds of the members of the Commission present and voting, and two-thirds of the chief elected*  
 70 *officers of the counties and cities embraced by Planning District 23 who are present and voting and*  
 71 *whose counties and cities include at least two-thirds of the population embraced by the Commission;*  
 72 *however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if*  
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 92 *the Commission and shall not include any funds for construction or acquisition of transportation*  
 93 *facilities or the performance of any transportation service.*

94 *C. Members may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses provided in §§ 2.2-2813*  
 95 *and 2.2-2825, if approved by the Commission. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of*  
 96 *the members shall be provided by the Commission.*

97 **§ 33.1-471. Authority to issue bonds.**

98 *The Commission may issue bonds and other evidences of debt as may be authorized by this section*  
 99 *or other law. The provisions of Article 5 (§ 15.2-4519 et seq.) of Chapter 45 of Title 15.2 shall apply,*  
 100 *mutatis mutandis, to the issuance of such bonds or other debt. The Commission may issue bonds or*  
 101 *other debt in such amounts as it deems appropriate. The bonds may be supported by any funds*  
 102 *available, except that funds from tolls collected pursuant to § 33.1-472 shall be used only as provided in*  
 103 *that section.*

104 **§ 33.1-472. Powers of the Commission.**

105 *Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title and in accordance with all applicable federal*  
 106 *statutes and requirements, the Commission shall control and operate and may impose and collect tolls*  
 107 *in amounts established by the Commission for the use of any new or improved highway, bridge, or*  
 108 *tunnel, to increase capacity on such facility or to address congestion within Planning District 23,*  
 109 *constructed by the Commission (i) with federal, state, or local funds, (ii) solely with revenues of the*  
 110 *Commission, or (iii) with revenues under the control of the Commission. The amount of any such toll*  
 111 *may be varied from facility to facility, by lane, by congestion levels, by day of the week, by time of day,*  
 112 *by type or size of vehicle, by number of axles, or by any similar combination thereof or any other factor*  
 113 *the Commission may deem proper, and a reduced rate may be established for commuters as defined by*  
 114 *the Commission. All such tolls shall be used for programs and projects that are reasonably related to or*  
 115 *benefit the users of the new or improved highway, bridge, or tunnel, including, but not limited to, for*  
 116 *the debt service and other costs of bonds whose proceeds are used for construction or improvement of*  
 117 *such highway, bridge, or tunnel.*

118 Any tolls imposed by the Commission shall be collected by an electronic toll system that, to the  
119 extent possible, shall not impede the traffic flow of the facility or prohibit a toll facility from retaining  
120 means of nonautomated toll collection in some lanes of the facility. For all facilities tolled by the  
121 Commission, there shall be signs erected prior to the point of toll collection that clearly state how the  
122 majority of the toll revenue is being spent by the Commission to benefit the users of the facility.

123 **§ 33.1-473. Additional powers of the Commission.**

124 A. The Commission shall have the following powers together with all powers incidental thereto or  
125 necessary for the performance of those hereinafter stated:

126 1. To sue and be sued and to prosecute and defend, at law or in equity, in any court having  
127 jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties;

128 2. To adopt and use a corporate seal and to alter the same at its pleasure;

129 3. To procure insurance, participate in insurance plans, and provide self-insurance; however, the  
130 purchase of insurance, participation in an insurance plan, or the creation of a self-insurance plan by  
131 the Commission shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign immunity to which the  
132 Commission or its officers, directors, employees, or agents are otherwise entitled;

133 4. To establish bylaws and make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
134 chapter, deemed expedient for the management of the Commission's affairs;

135 5. To apply for and accept money, materials, contributions, grants, or other financial assistance from  
136 the United States and agencies or instrumentalities thereof; the Commonwealth; and any political  
137 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Commonwealth; and from any legitimate private source;

138 6. To acquire real and personal property or any interest therein by purchase, lease, gift, or  
139 otherwise for purposes consistent with this chapter and to hold, encumber, sell, or otherwise dispose of  
140 such land or interest for purposes consistent with this chapter;

141 7. To acquire by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise, highways, bridges, or tunnels and to  
142 construct the same by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise;

143 8. In consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board and with each city or county in  
144 which the facility or any part thereof is or is to be located, to repair, expand, enlarge, construct,  
145 reconstruct, or renovate any or all highways, bridges, and tunnels within Planning District 23 and to  
146 acquire any real or personal property needed for any such purpose;

147 9. To enter into agreements or leases with public or private entities for the operation and  
148 maintenance of bridges, tunnels, transit and rail facilities, and highways;

149 10. To make and execute contracts, deeds, mortgages, leases, and all other instruments and  
150 agreements necessary or convenient for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and  
151 functions under this chapter;

152 11. To the extent funds are made or become available to the Commission to do so, to employ  
153 employees, agents, advisors, and consultants, including without limitation attorneys, financial advisers,  
154 engineers, and other technical advisers and, the provisions of any other law to the contrary  
155 notwithstanding, to determine their duties and compensation; and

156 12. To the extent not inconsistent with the other provisions of this chapter, and without limiting or  
157 restricting the powers otherwise given the Commission, to exercise all of the powers given to  
158 transportation district commissions by § 15.2-4518.

159 B. The Commission shall comply with the provisions governing localities contained in  
160 § 15.2-2108.23.

161 **§ 33.1-474. Commission a responsible public entity under Public-Private Transportation Act of**  
162 **1995.**

163 The Commission is a responsible public entity as defined in § 56-557 and shall be regulated in  
164 accordance with the terms of the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.) and  
165 regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

166 **§ 33.1-475. Continuing responsibilities of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the**  
167 **Department of Transportation.**

168 Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this chapter, until such time as the Commission and the  
169 Department of Transportation, or the Commission and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, agree  
170 otherwise in writing, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate funding to and the  
171 Department of Transportation shall perform or cause to be performed all maintenance and operation of  
172 the bridges, tunnels, and roadways and shall perform such other required services and activities with  
173 respect to such bridges, tunnels, and roadways as were being performed on July 1, 2014.

174 **§ 33.1-476. Use of revenues by the Commission.**

175 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all moneys received by the Commission shall be  
176 used by the Commission solely for the benefit of those counties and cities that are embraced by the  
177 Commission, and such moneys shall be used by the Commission in a manner that is consistent with the  
178 purposes stated in this chapter.

179 2. That the staff of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and the  
180 Department of Transportation shall work cooperatively to assist the proper formation and effective  
181 organization of the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. Until such time as  
182 the Commission is fully established and functioning, the staff of the Hampton Roads  
183 Transportation Planning Organization shall serve as its staff, and the Hampton Roads  
184 Transportation Planning Organization shall provide the Commission with office space and  
185 administrative support. The Commission shall reimburse the Hampton Roads Transportation  
186 Planning Organization for the cost of such staff, office space, and administrative support as  
187 appropriate.  
188 3. That should any portion of this act be held unconstitutional by a court of competent  
189 jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this act shall remain in effect.

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Bill	Summary	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	Provides that funding allocations for the Northern Virginia highway construction district and the Hampton Roads highway construction district be made by giving priority to the projects expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project and that funding allocations for the seven other highway construction districts be made by giving priority to either (i) the projects expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project or (ii) the projects that promote economic development and promote commerce and trade. The bill provides for the choice to be made by each locality within the seven highway construction districts and for each highway construction district to determine the majority choice and submit it to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Allocations by the Board using the priorities in the bill will begin July 1, 2015.	Christopher P. Stolle	Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2ER) 3/6/2014
HB 3	Provides that all provisions of the 2013 Session omnibus transportation bill (HB 2313), which established state taxes and fees and regional taxes and fees in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, expire on July 1, 2014. HB 2313 provided for the revenues from such taxes and fees to be used primarily for transportation funding in the Commonwealth.	Benjamin L. Cline	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 4	Provides that funding allocations for the Northern Virginia highway construction district and the Hampton Roads highway construction district be made by giving priority to the projects expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project and that funding allocations for the seven other highway construction districts be made by giving priority to either (i) the projects expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project or (ii) the projects that promote economic development and promote commerce and trade. The bill provides for the choice to be made by each locality within the seven highway construction districts and for each highway construction district to determine the majority choice and submit it to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Allocations by the Board using the priorities in the bill will begin July 1, 2015.	Scott A. Surovell	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 40	Repeals the provision in the 2013 transportation funding bill (HB 2313) that will increase the motor fuels tax if the United States Congress has not enacted legislation granting the Commonwealth the authority to compel remote sellers to collect state and local retail sales and use tax for sales made in the Commonwealth by January 1, 2015.	Robert G. Marshall	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 41	Provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall select the transportation projects to be funded by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.	Robert G. Marshall	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 47	Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.	Kaye Kory	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 67	Increases the total membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to 22 members by doubling the representation for the Richmond, Hampton Roads, and Northern Virginia highway construction districts.	David I. Ramadan	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 68	Changes the dates on which certain scheduled increases in sales and use tax revenue to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund would not take place if Congress does not enact a law permitting states to require certain out-of-state retailers to collect and remit state sales and use tax from fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Under current law, scheduled increases for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 would not occur if Congress does not enact such law by January 1, 2015. The bill would halt the increase for only fiscal year 2017 if Congress does not act by January 1, 2016.	Daniel W. Marshall, III	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014

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HB 70	Vests the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability with the power and duty to make performance reviews of state agencies with transportation responsibilities to ensure that funds appropriated to those agencies are being used for their intended purposes and in accord with legislative intent. The bill also directs the Commission, prior to the 2015 Session, to study the costs and benefits of coordinating traffic light signals.	Daniel W. Marshall, III	House: Tabled in Rules by voice vote 1/31/2014
HB 72	Eliminates the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles.	Brenda L. Pogge	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 87	Provides that all state funds expended on transportation projects be for (i) projects expected to provide congestion reduction or (ii) projects that increase safety for travelers	Mark L. Cole	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 145	Provides for removal of members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by the Governor for malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetence, or gross neglect of duty.	Timothy D. Hugo	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 146	Increases the size of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by six members (from 18 to 24). Three of the new members are to be members of the House of Delegates: two from the majority party and one from the minority party. The three other new members are to be members of the Virginia Senate: two from the majority party and one from the minority party.	Timothy D. Hugo	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 169	Increases from 18 to 22 the membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by adding four citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Of the four new members, one is to be from the Hampton Roads highway construction district, one is to be from the Northern Virginia highway construction district, and two are to be from rural areas.	Michael J. Webert	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 237	Establishes the Telework Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to administer grants in the amount of \$250 for individuals who telework at least 20 hours per week for at least 45 weeks of a calendar year.	David I. Ramadan	Left in House Appropriations Committee 2/12/2014
HB 281	Prohibits the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority from providing funds in support of a transportation-related project being undertaken with the District of Columbia or another state unless the Authority has first entered into a contract that provides for all costs of the project to be borne equally among the Authority and the District of Columbia or other state.	David B. Albo	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 311	Creates proposed Title 33.2 (Highways and Other Surface Transportation Systems) as a revision of existing Title 33.1 (Highways, Bridges and Ferries), as well as portions of Titles 15.2 (Counties, Cities and Towns), 56 (Public Service Companies), and 58.1 (Taxation). Proposed Title 33.2 consists of 32 chapters divided into four subtitles: Subtitle I (General Provisions and Transportation Entities); Subtitle II (Modes of Transportation: Highways, Bridges, Ferries, Rail, and Public Transportation); Subtitle III (Transportation Funding and Development); and Subtitle IV (Local and Regional Transportation). This bill organizes the laws in a more logical manner, removes obsolete and duplicative provisions, and improves the structure and clarity of statutes pertaining to highways, bridges, ferries, rail and public transportation, transportation funding, and local and regional transportation. This bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2014. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Code Commission.	James M. LeMunyon	Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB311ER) 3/17/2014

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HB 346	Provides that no comprehensive agreement providing for the lease, operation, or transfer of ownership of a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act with a total value of more than \$1 billion and having a substantial negative impact on the tax revenues of an affected jurisdiction or substantially increasing the taxes, fees, or expenses that will be paid by residents of an affected jurisdiction may be executed by a state agency unless (i) approved by the Governor and (ii) a bill that includes a specific description of the proposed agreement and its anticipated expenditures and revenues is passed by the General Assembly.	Matthew James	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 347	Allows a qualified taxpayer to deduct from his Virginia adjusted gross income an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount paid by the taxpayer for tolls in a qualified locality. A qualified locality is one in which the unemployment rate is higher than the statewide average and (i) in which a public-private transportation project that includes tolling is located or (ii) that is adjacent to a locality in which such a project is located. A qualified taxpayer is a taxpayer who resides in a qualified locality.	Matthew James	Left in House Finance Committee 2/12/2014
HB 349	Provides that no comprehensive agreement providing for the lease, operation, or transfer of ownership of a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act or a qualified project under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act with a total value of \$1 billion or more shall be executed by a state agency unless (i) approved by the Governor and (ii) a bill that includes a specific description of the proposed agreement and its anticipated expenditures and revenues is passed by the General Assembly.	Matthew James	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 379	Changes the composition of the CTB so that one member will be appointed from each of Virginia's congressional districts and three will be at-large appointees. The four ex officio members remain unchanged. The bill also replaces the term "metropolitan statistical areas" with "metropolitan planning areas with populations greater than 200,000."	Scott A. Surovell	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 351	Establishes the Downtown Tunnel Construction Relief Grant Fund to provide grants of up to \$1,500 to businesses that have suffered economic damage as a result of road closures due to the construction of the Downtown Tunnel Project. The Fund would be administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. The act has a July 1, 2015, sunset.	Matthew James	Left in House Appropriations Committee 2/12/2014
HB 400	Staggeres the terms of the Governor's appointments to the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads.	Algie T. Howell, Jr.	Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB400ER) 3/17/2014
HB 425	Increases Northern Virginia Transportation Authority membership from 17 to 20 by the addition of one senator and two House members.	James M. LeMunyon	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 597	Renames the Authority as the Richmond Regional Transportation Authority and equalizes Board representation among the City of Richmond, Chesterfield County, and Henrico County. The bill requires that certain actions of the Authority related to construction or acquisition of limited access highways or acquisition of rights to operate existing toll roads receive approval from the local governing bodies. Local approval also is required for the issuance of bonds by the Authority. The bill allows the governing body of each locality to appoint one of its own members as a member of the Board of the Authority, clarifies the appointment process for the three Richmond representatives on the Board, and prohibits Board members from receiving health insurance or other benefits as compensation for their service on the Board.	G. Manoli Loupassi	Bill text as passed Housed and Senate (HB597ER) 3/6/2014

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HB 635	Requires that 70 percent of the revenues received by the Authority under § 15.2-4838.1 be used by the Authority solely to fund transportation projects selected by the Authority that are contained in the regional transportation plan in accordance with § 15.2-4830 and that have been rated in accordance with § 33.1-13.03:1.	Dave A. LaRock	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 824	Provides that the Authority's bonding authority shall not be effective until July 1, 2018. After such date, the Authority, prior to issuance of bonds, shall demonstrate in the context of a bond validation lawsuit that the transportation projects proposed for funding with the sought bond proceeds have been thoroughly analyzed and provide the greatest degree of congestion reduction relative to cost.	J. Randall Minchew	Left in House Transportation Committee 2/12/2014
HB 920	Advances from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2014, the expiration date of the annual allocation that can be made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.	Mark D. Sickles	Left in House Appropriations Committee 2/12/2014
HB 957	Repeals House Bill 2152 (2013), which has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2014. The bill gives the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board or his designee equal voting weight on the Virginia Railway Express oversight board. The bill also provides that the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board or his designee shall be included for purposes of constituting a quorum on certain transportation commissions and shall have voting rights equal to the appointees of component governments.	Eileen Filler-Corn	Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB957ER) 2/26/2014
HB 975	Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013.	Thomas Davis Rust	Approved by Governor 2/27/2014
HB1253	Creates the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to manage regional transportation planning in Planning District 23. The bill moves the responsibility for approval of projects and the priority of such projects pursuant to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund from the Hampton Roads Planning Organization to the new Commission.	S. Chris Jones	Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1253ER) 3/17/2014
HJ 42	Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study equity of transportation funding; report. Directs JLARC to review the equity of transportation funding in light of new revenues and because such a study has not been conducted in 30 years.	Ronald A. Villanueva	Continued to 2015 in House Rules 1/31/2014
SB 19	Creates the Virginia Casino Gaming Commission as the licensing body for casino gaming. The bill sets up the licensing scheme for casino gaming and provides penalties for violations of the casino gaming law. Under the bill, casino gambling shall be limited to localities in which at least 40 percent of the land area is exempt from local real property taxation pursuant to federal law or Article X, Sections 6 (a) (1) through (a) 5 and (a) 7 of the Constitution of Virginia. The bill requires proceeds of the gross receipts tax and admission tax imposed on casino gaming operators to be paid as follows: (i) 10 percent to the locality in which the casino gaming operation is located and (ii) 90 percent into the Toll Mitigation Fund, which shall be used to mitigate the tolls established to support construction and maintenance of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge and Roadway Improvement Project and the Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King Freeway Extension Project.	L. Louise Lucas	Continued to 2015 in Senate Finance 2/5/2014
SB 91	Requires comprehensive agreements under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 to include a provision providing for reduced rates for commuters who use the facility at least 20 times per month during a 12-month period.	Kenneth C. Alexander	Stricken 1/22/2014
SB 156	Requires VDOT or the toll facility operator at all-electronic toll facilities to either pay maintenance fees associated with E-ZPass transponders and attributed to residents living within a 50 mile radius or have the same fees for drivers with transponders as those without.	John C. Miller	Bill text as passed House and Senate (SB156ER) 3/3/2014

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SB 127	Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2013.	Stephen D. Newman	Approved by Governor 2/27/2014
SB 165	Provides that no comprehensive agreement providing for the lease, operation, or transfer of ownership of a qualifying transportation facility under the Public-Private Transportation Act with a total value of more than \$1 billion and having a substantial negative impact on the tax revenues of an affected jurisdiction or substantially increasing the taxes, fees, or expenses that will be paid by residents of an affected jurisdiction may be executed by a state agency unless (i) approved by the Governor and (ii) a bill that includes a specific description of the proposed agreement and its anticipated expenditures and revenues is passed by the General Assembly.	Mamie E. Locke	Stricken at request of Patron in Transportation 1/22/2014
SB 292	Establishes the Downtown Tunnel Construction Relief Grant Fund to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to businesses that have suffered economic damage as a result of road closures due to the construction of the Downtown Tunnel Project. The Fund would be administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority. The act has a July 1, 2015, sunset.	L. Louise Lucas	01/28/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (12-Y 2-N)
SB 506	Eliminates the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for refunds of the license tax paid on hybrid electric motor vehicles for registration years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.	Frank W. Wagner	01/15/14 Senate: Incorporated by Finance (SB127-Newman) (15-Y 0-N)
SB 511	Changes the composition of the CTB so that one member will be appointed from each of Virginia's 11 congressional districts instead of from each of the 9 highway construction districts. The five at-large members and four ex officio members remain unchanged.	Frank W. Wagner	01/15/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (7-Y 5-N 1-A)
SB 513	Creates the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to manage regional transportation planning in Planning District 23. The bill moves the responsibility for approval of projects and the priority of such projects pursuant to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund from the Hampton Roads Planning Organization to the new Commission.	Frank W. Wagner	Bill text as passed House and Senate (SB513ER) 3/17/2014
SJ 46	Requests the Department of Transportation to study the location of its regional Hampton Roads office and whether or not a new location could better serve the highway construction district.	John A. Cosgrove	House: Vote: Block Vote Adoption 3/5/2014
SJ 72	Directs JLARC to review the equity of transportation funding in light of new revenues and because such a study has not been conducted in 30 years.	Frank W. Wagner	Continued to 2015 in Senate Rules 1/17/2014