



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
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Legislative Update

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Legislative Update

- **Agency proposals**
- **Funding proposals**
- **PPTA proposals**
- **Other proposals**
- **Budget Update**

Legislative Update – Agency Legislation

VDOT

- **Systems of State Highways (HB2425) – Passed the House and referred to Senate Transportation**
- **Overweight Permits (SB1048) – Sent to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability for further study**

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- **WMATA Compact Amendments (SB1511) – Passed Senate and on first reading in the House**
- **Safety Oversight for Metro/Light Rail (HB1880) – Passed the House and the Senate**
- **Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services (SB1238) – Passed the Senate and on first reading in the House**

Legislative Update – Funding Proposals

- **General Fund Proposals – All proposals have failed for the session**
HB1579, HB2130, HB2206, and HB2622
- **Overweight Permits – All proposals have been forwarded to Joint Commission of Transportation Accountability**
SB1048, SB1500, and HB2319
- **Other Proposals – All proposals have failed for the session**
Motor fuels tax proposals – Would change existing motor vehicle fuel tax from a cent-per-gallon but a percentage of retail price
- **HB1642 – Allows CTB to name facilities for a living person; failed to pass House**

Legislative Update – PPTA Proposals

- **HB2066 – Establishes timeframes for the review of solicited and unsolicited PPTA proposals; Proposal in Senate Transportation**
- **HB2079 – Requires VDOT to accept an unsolicited proposal for HRBT and establishes timeframes and special committee to review; Proposal in Senate Transportation**
- **HB2117 – Prohibits the construction of I-95/395 HOT Lanes without prior approval from General Assembly; Failed for the session**
- **SB1232 – Requires that monetary penalties for failure to operate I-95/395 HOT Lanes at 65mph 90% of the time; Failed for the sessions**

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- **HB1590 – Income tax credit for toll payments; Failed for the session**
- **HB1723 – Establishes a formula for allocation of highway maintenance funding; Failed for the session**
- **HB1993/SB1368 – Requires CTB to allocate maintenance funds based performance measures in Biennial Asset Management report; Senate version in House Transportation**
- **HB2099 – Establishes George Washington Toll Road Authority (Fredericksburg region); Proposal in Senate Transportation**

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- **HB1835 – Defines public benefits for Rail Enhancement Fund grants; Passed the House and the Senate**
- **HB1848 – Performance audit of transportation agencies; Failed for the session**
- **HB2158 – Establishes Charlottesville-Albemarle Transit Authority; On first reading in the Senate**
- **SB1482 – Repeals the HB3202 bond authorization; Failed for the sessions**
- **HB2172 – Use of ROW for connection of Renewable energy sources to the grid; Proposal in Senate Commerce and Labor**

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- **HB2019/HB2420 and SB1398/SB1475 – Modifies requirements of VTrans and expands on HB3202 land use provisions, Administration proposal based on Climate Change Commission recommendations; Passed respective houses and are in other houses transportation committees**
- **SB1464 – Abolishes the Secretary of Transportation, establishes Chief Executive Officer for Transportation; Sent to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability**
- **SB1550 – Relates to private construction of Jordon Bridge in Hampton Roads; Passed the Senate and in House Transportation**

Legislative Update - Budget Amendments

- **Modification Mass Transit Fund allocations for transit operating and transit capital**
- **Language to require quarterly reporting on the implementation of VDOT Blueprint and outlining general parameters of plan**
- **Directs Secretary to provide 50% of funding for acquisition of right of way for extension of Norfolk Light Rail into Virginia Beach**
- **Allows Virginia Railway Express to obtain third party liability insurance**



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