



2024 General Assembly Update

Rail and Transit Bills & Budget Amendments of Interest

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House Bills of Interest

Bill Number/Patron	Description	Final Vote
<p>HB201 Del. Krizek</p>	<p>NVTC, PRTC, and NVTA Membership Requirements: Requires, rather than permits, the four members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the two members of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, and the two members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority who are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to be members of the House of Delegates.</p>	<p>House 100-0; Senate 40-0 Signed by Governor</p>
<p>HB285 Del. McQuinn</p>	<p>Changes to the approval process of transit bus shelter construction on state-owned property: Delegates enforcement of the Uniform Statewide Building Code to the local building official for bus shelters that do not exceed 256 square feet that are to be constructed for transit agencies receiving state money. The bill exempts the state from liability for any such bus shelter constructed on state-owned property. The amended bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.</p>	<p>House 99-0; Senate 40-0 Signed by Governor</p>
<p>HB1425 Del. Austin</p>	<p>Aligns VPRA-owned railway tunnels and bridges with VDOT's highway bridge and tunnel exemptions: Exempts railway tunnels and bridges owned by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority from the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act. The bill requires the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to report annually to the State Fire Marshal on the maintenance and operability of installed fire protection and detection systems in its railway tunnels and bridges.</p>	<p>House 100-0; Senate 40-0 Signed by Governor</p>

Senate Resolution of Interest

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SJ28 Sen. Ebbin	Joint Subcommittee to Study Growing Needs of Northern Virginia Public Transit: Establishes a joint subcommittee to study long-term, sustainable, dedicated funding and cost-containment controls and strategies to ensure the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Virginia Railway Express, and the public transit systems that serve the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission transportation districts meet the growing needs of public transit in the region.	House 97-0; Senate 40-0 *No Action Needed by Governor

Budget Items of Interest

Chapter 1 Item	Description
433 G (Language Only)	<p>PRTC Partnership with surrounding localities: Clarifies that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation District Commission has the authority to enter into contracts and agreements with adjacent localities and planning districts to promote commuter transit services within the region.</p>
433 F. 1-2	<p>General Funds to WMATA, Study Requirements, and Suspension of Compliance Requirement: Provides \$60.2 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 and \$84.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This covers the WMATA funding shortage for the biennium, and provides time for the Joint Subcommittee on Northern Virginia Public Transportation to complete its work.</p> <p>Directs WMATA to complete a comparison of its total costs and overhead costs, including general administration and non-vehicle maintenance costs, against similar agencies across the nation.</p> <p>Suspends language in the Code of Virginia for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 that caps the annual growth in Virginia’s operating assistance to WMATA at three percent.</p>

Questions?