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Legislative Update: 2026 Regular Session

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Transportation Committee Overview

- **House Committee on Transportation, chaired by Delegate Karrie Delaney**

- 2026 Statistics: As of the final week of Session:

- 102 bills have been heard by this committee; 84 bills were reported to the House Floor;
- 5 bills were reported and rereferred to the Appropriations Committee; 1 bill was reported and rereferred to the Courts Committee;
- 8 bills were continued to the 2027 Session; 2 bills were struck at the request of the patron
- 2 bills were incorporated into other similar legislation

- **Senate Committee on Transportation, chaired by Senator Lamont Bagby**

- 2026 Statistics: As of the final week of Session:

- 114 bills have been heard by this committee; 72 bills were reported to the Senate Floor
- 30 bills were reported and rereferred to the Finance and Appropriations Committee; 2 bills were reported and rereferred to the Courts Committee; 1 bill was reported and rereferred to the Education and Health Committee; 2 bills were reported and rereferred to the Commerce and Labor Committee
- 2 bills were passed-by-indefinitely; 3 bills failed to report; 1 bill was struck at the request of the patron
- 1 bill was incorporated into other similar legislation

Transportation Agency Legislation

- **Delegated NEPA Authority for the Commonwealth**
 - HB411 (Del. Reid): Unanimously passed both legislative chambers
 - SB716 (Sen. Roem): Unanimously passed both legislative chambers
- **Pilot Program for Deployment of Truck-Mounted Attenuators within Mobile Work Zones**
 - HB582 (Del. Glass): Unanimously passed both legislative chambers
 - SB320 (Sen. Srinivasan): Unanimously passed both legislative chambers
- **Clarification of Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Code Exemptions**
 - HB141 (Del. Reid): Unanimously passed House; Passed 38-2 in Senate
- **Alignment of Virginia Passenger Rail Condemnation Authority**
 - HB446 (Del. Simon): Passed 78-19 in House; Passed 37-3 in Senate

Other Key Transportation Bills

- **Legislation to Increase Funds for Transportation and Transit were continued to 2027 Session, with the understanding that legislative efforts would continue as part of budget negotiations**
 - **SB730 (Sen. Surovell) / HB900 (Del. Sullivan): Sales & use tax on taxable services & digital personal property; taxes levied in certain districts**
 - SB730 was continued to the 2027 Session by the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, with the understanding that the goal of the legislation would be continued to be worked on in negotiations over the state budget
 - HB900 was continued to the 2027 Session by the House Finance Committee, with the understanding that the goal of the legislation would be continued to be worked on in negotiations over the state budget
 - **HB978 (Del. Watts): Retail Sales and Use Tax; taxation on various services, include digital personal property**
 - HB978 was continued to the 2027 Session by the House Finance Committee, with the understanding that the goal of the legislation would be continued to be worked on in negotiations over the state budget
 - **HB1179 (Del. Tran): Transportation; changes various provisions of existing funds, etc.**
 - HB1179 was left in the House Appropriations Committee without action, with the understanding that the goal of the legislation would be continued to be worked on in negotiations over the state budget

Other Key Transportation Bills

- **Legislation on Photo Speed Monitoring Technology**

- **SB59 (Sen. Diggs) / HB684 (Del. Hayes): Photo speed monitoring devices; photo-monitoring system for traffic signals, proof of violation**
 - SB59 passed 36-4 Senate; pending in House / HB684 passed 56-39 House; pending in Senate
- **SB84 (Sen. Williams Graves): Speed safety cameras; placement and operation, violation enforcement, civil penalties, report**
 - Passed 27-11 Senate; pending in House
- **SB219 (Sen. Jones): Photo speed monitoring devices; summons, reports**
 - Passed 37-2 Senate; pending in House
- **SB436 (Sen. Bagby): Photo speed monitoring devices; highway work zones, workers present**
 - Passed 40-0 Senate; pending in House
- **HB1220 (Del. Delaney): Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation**
 - Passed 67-29 House; pending in Senate
- **HB994 (Del. Seibold): Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation**
 - Passed 59-38 House; continued to 2027 Session by Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
- **HB1330 (Del. Seibold): Speed safety cameras, pedestrian crossing violation monitoring systems, etc., violation enforcement**
 - Passed 66-30 House; continued to 2027 Session by Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

Other Key Transportation Bills

- **Fully autonomous vehicles; commercial use, civil penalty**
 - **HB112 (Del. Reid): Left in House Transportation Committee**
 - **SB670 (Sen. Salim): Passed 35-4 Senate; Continued to 2027 Session by House Transportation Committee**
- **Traffic regulation; bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and motorized skateboards or scooters**
 - **HB661 (Del. Willett): Passed 98-0 House; Continued to 2027 by Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee**

Other Key Transportation Bills

- **Hampton Roads; joint subcommittee to study public transit systems to ensure it meets needs of region.**
 - **HJ28 (Del. Askew): Passed 92-4 House; Passed Senate by voice vote**
- **Hampton Roads Infrastructure Coordination and Readiness Framework; HRTPO to develop, report.**
 - **H1241 (Del. Glass): Passed 92-5 House; pending in Senate**
- **Bus obstruction monitoring systems; parking, stopping, and standing enforcement.**
 - **HB564 (Del. Reid): Passed 80-14 House; Passed 21-19 Senate**
 - **SB583 (Sen. Salim): Passed 21-18 Senate; Passed 84-11 House**

Transportation Items in Proposed Amendments to State Budget

- **Funding for WMATA, transportation and transit**
 - **Needs: Sustainable, long-term funding for Metro / WMATA**
 - Operating Needs: \$153M beginning in FY27
 - Capital Needs: \$136M beginning in FY28
 - **Amendments to the state budget proposed by the House would provide one-time infusion of General Funds for WMATA operating costs: \$153 in FY27**
 - Funding shall be carried forward into the second fiscal year, providing half of the unmet capital need in both fiscal years.
 - **Amendments to the state budget proposed by the Senate would provide:**
 - Ongoing state funds for transportation, including transit and WMATA: \$84.5M in FY27, \$207.3M in FY28
 - Ongoing funds for WMATA capital costs:
 - \$156.1M over the biennium from higher Northern Virginia regional sales tax base
 - Regional 1% increase TOT in Northern Virginia: \$34.3M over biennium

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- **Continuing Hampton Roads Toll Relief (441#1s; 441#1h)**
 - **Changes needed in HB29 to ensure the toll relief program can continue as intended**
 - Increased flexibility needed in state budget to allow the Commonwealth to pay more than 50 percent of the costs of the discount to low-income drivers from Portsmouth and Norfolk.
 - **Amendments to state budget proposed by both the House and the Senate contain these needed changes**
- **Ticket Reciprocity Workgroup (420#2s; 420#3h)**
 - **Amendments to the state budget released by both the House and the Senate direct the Secretary of Transportation to work with counterparts in D.C. and Maryland to review ticket and registration reciprocity:**
 - Including how ticketing reciprocity is handled for tickets issued to Virginia drivers by the District of Columbia through automated ticket enforcement and options for how Virginia could enter reciprocity agreements for automated tickets

Transportation Items in Proposed Amendments to State Budget

- **Affordable Housing Near Transportation (435#1s; 435#1h)**
 - Amendments to the state budget released by both the House and the Senate direct the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to conduct a statewide study to plan, promote, and identify funding opportunities for transit-oriented development around existing and proposed transit and rail stations, with assistance from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.
- **Rural Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Funding (420 #1h)**
 - Amendments to the state budget released by the House direct the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, to identify any available federal funds eligible to assist in the development of rural electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Transportation Items in Proposed Amendments to State Budget

- **Interstate 81 Study Language (420 #2h)**
 - **Amendments to the state budget released by the House direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and evaluate options for accelerating large-scale improvements to the Interstate 81 corridor:**
 - Including assessing the feasibility of utilizing public-private partnership pursuant to the Public Private Transportation Act, including those options with toll financing, provided that any such analysis assumes there shall be two toll-free in each direction available for continued use on Interstate 81
- **Study of Hampton Roads Public Transit (433 #1h)**
 - **Amendments to the state budget released by the House appropriate \$300k in General Funds to support the work of the joint 13-member subcommittee established pursuant to HJ28 (Del. Askew) for a one-year study concerning the status of public transit in Hampton Roads and options for the future.**

Transportation Items in Proposed Amendments to State Budget

- **Northern Virginia Bus Consolidation Study (433 #2s)**
 - **Amendments to the state budget released by the Senate direct the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating DASH Alexandria Transit, Fairfax Connector, ART Arlington Transit, and CUE Fairfax Citybus systems into a single, unified regional structure:**
 - The amendment directs DRPT to prepare and submit a comprehensive report assessing: (i) potential cost savings and long-term financial impacts; (ii) operational efficiencies and service improvements; (iii) rider and community input, including public feedback and consumer sentiment; (iv) potential challenges, implementation considerations, and legal or governance implications associated with consolidation; and (v) a review of comparable consolidation efforts in other states or metropolitan regions.
- **Study on Feasibility of Private/Commercial Parking Tax in Northern Virginia (420 #1s)**
 - **Amendments to the state budget released by the Senate direct the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investments to study the feasibility of imposing a tax on paid parking in private or commercial parking lots and garages, excluding residential parking, within any county or city that is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.**

